

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
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

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney

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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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUN. 8th JUNE 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 7th June 6.15pm

Kevin Lynch, Kilbride; Gerry Horrigan; Joe Delaney, Tinnecrannagh (8th Anniv. & B/Day Rem.); Patrick, Tommy & Kathleen Delaney, Spa St; Catherine & Joseph Crofton, Bracklone St; Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St.

Sun. 8th June 12.15pm

Joe Keegan, Cloneyquinn (3rd Anniv.); Brian Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce; Paddy Flanagan, Glasshouse; Rose Hoey, Kilbride (B/day Rem.)

Sat. 14th June 6.15pm

John Kennedy, Church View (3rd Anniv.); Michael & Mary Milner, Lough; Margaret & John Delaney, Lough; Teresa Holt, Kildare & daughter Lauren Holt; Dec. members of the Greene Family, Assumpta Tce;

Sun. 15th June 12.15pm

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 8th June 10.30am

Thomas & Margaret Mullen, Syl & Elizabeth Mullen, Corrig; Dec. members of the Mullen Family; Jim & Mary Kennedy, Stradbally; Richard, Kathleen & Paddy Territt, Tierhogar

Sun. 15th June 10.30am

DECEASED

Pray for the following who died during the week:-

Bridie Reid (nee Dowling),
Dunboyne, County Meath & formerly of Morette

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CEMETERY MASS 2025



Killenard – Fri. 4th July – 7.30pm

Portarlington - Fri. 11th July – 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18th July – 7.30pm

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent collection for the Retired Priests of the Diocese. Amount received: Emo Parish €1,025 / Portarlington €2675. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 9th June --

Tues. 10th June Mick Rice (B/Day Rem.)

Wed. 11th June --

Thurs. 12th June --

Fri. 13th June --

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 7th June 7.30pm

Tom & Esther Corcoran, Killimy James & Ellen Lewis & deceased members of the Lewis Family, Morette; William & Catherine Ging, The Heath & deceased members of the Ging Family; Michael, Mollie & Mary Lewis, Morette

Sun. 8th June 11am

Martin Walsh, Whitefields (1st Anniv.)
Bridie Reid (nee Dowling) Dunboyne & formerly Morette

Sat. 14th June 7.30pm

Philomena Scully, Coolaghy (34th Anniv.)
Una Moore, Morette

Sun. 15th June 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 8th June 9am

Sun. 15th June 9am
Edward O'Connell, Courtwood



IN THE SPIRIT

Alone we are only a spark,
but in the Spirit we are a fire.
Alone we are only a string,
but in the Spirit we are a lyre.
Alone we are only an anthill,
but in the Spirit we are a mountain.
Alone we are only a drop,
but in the Spirit we are a fountain.
Alone we are only a feather,
but in the Spirit we are wing.
Alone we are only a beggar,
but in the Spirit we are a king.

Amado Nervo



St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Sat. 14th June from 11am – 5pm. Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. Further info. phone Ann on 085 1696189.



Congratulations to the children from Sacred Heart NS, Rath who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, 7th June.



NOVENA - SACRED HEART - 2025

Takes place from Thursday 19th June and ends on Friday 27th June, (Which is the Feast of the Sacred Heart)

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Lord Jesus Christ, your heart was moved with love for those who came to you for help:
You healed the sick,
you fed the hungry,
you forgave sinners,
you cried over Jerusalem.

Above all, you showed to those who were prepared to listen the way to true life, for you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Lord, your heart is still moved today by your people and their many needs.

Open my heart to hear your Word,
to accept your love
and to respond to your call.

In particular, I beg you to grant me the favour I ask during this novena (make your request silently), provided that it will contribute to my own eternal good and to the building up of your kingdom of love, peace and justice here on earth.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you. AMEN

KNOCK SHRINE – SACRED HEART CRUSADE**22ND JUNE 2025**

Sacred Heart Crusade – Jubilee 2025. This historic event will culminate in Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin, during which Ireland will be consecrated to the Sacred Heart for the first time in over 150 years. This will take place from 9am to 5pm. Check out: www.sacredheartcrusade.ie. **If you wish to travel by bus (€25) contact the Parish Office (057 8643004) a.s.a.p. so that transport can be organised or Valerie 087 7800429.**

SUMMER RAFFLE – RATH N.S.

Sacred Heart NS, Rath will host their Summer Raffle on June 10th. For Tickets and more details on amazing prizes check out <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/RathNSSummerraffle>

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Portarlington Musical Society are now taking new registrations for the upcoming year. Please note at the moment it's over 18's only. Our Information evening is Wed. 11th June at 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlington. For more information please contact portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com

VACANCY

Caring in Offaly CE scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2394163, Portarlington area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711/ ahackett@familycarers.ie.

ST. BRIGIDS SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE**R32CY89**

SOCIAL DANCING – Next dance will take place on Sat. 21st June. Dancing to Pat Daly. Adm: €10. Refreshments served. Doors open 9pm.

KEEP FIT - Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm**DANCING LESSONS** - Thurs. 7.30-9pm.**24 HOUR SPONSORED FAST**

An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Third Annual 24-Hour Sponsored Fast: Friday, June 20th in Aid Of Mary's Meals. Programme to Feed a Child for a School Year. It costs €22 to Feed a Child in poorer areas of the world. €15,270 raised to date. We appeal for your help & support. Donations via www.spioraidnaoimh.com

Sponsorship Cards for Fast available from:- B. Reddin 086-8630039 / E. Cullinane 087-6595293 / M. Nerney 086-8157305 or in your local Parish Churches. Mary's Meals Charity No. RCN 20061920. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP, St. Conleth's Parish Newbridge. Details: www.spioraidnaoimh.com

SOLAS BHRIDE**CENTRE AND HERMITAGES**

A Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Brigid on Mid-Summer Day – Sat. 21st June 2025. Assemble at Solas Bhride Centre, Tully Road, Kildare town. 10am – 4pm. Route: The pilgrimage will commence at Solas Bhride and will include a short walk on the Curragh Plains, a visit to St. Brigid's Cathedral, Square, Relic of St. Brigid at St. Brigid's Parish Church, St. Brigid's Well and concluding at Solas Bhride. The day will be interspersed with reflection, prayers, storytelling, poetry and music. Cost €30 (incl. a light lunch which will be served prior to visit to St. Brigid's Well). Booking www.solasbhride.ie or email info@solasbhride.ie Phone 045 522890.

ZUMBA IN KILLENARD

Looking to get fit but don't know when to start? Zumba is the perfect way - Class in Killenard commences 10th June (Tues.) at 7pm in Killenard Community Centre. €10 per class PAYG. Booking: Zaneta on 087 6431743.

VISITING RELICS OF ST. MARGARET MARY**ALOCOQUE & ST. CLAUDE**

Two day visit of the relics from Paray le Monial, France to the Parishes of St. Fintan's, Mountraty and Ballyfin, Co. Laois. Monday 9th June – Mass 7.30pm – St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin (R32 TD61) Tues. 10th June – Mass 10am in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath (R32X338) Further details contact Fr. Joe Brophy 087 2411594.

CLIMBING CROAGH PATRICK

Once again, Pat Burbage will climb Croagh Patrick on Tuesday 8th July with a group. If you would like to climb, then call into Pat at his shop on Main Street or contact him on 087 7716244. Proceeds will go to Portarlington Meals on Wheels. If you can take a sponsor card, they will be available during the week. Bus will leave at 6am on the day.

CHILDMINDER VACANCY

Looking for a kind, caring and mature childminder to look after four children in the children's home. Full time from September to include school drop offs. Ideally start part time hours during the summer". Please email ms.nicola.flynn@gmail.com if interested.

CUISLE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

An event has been organised for Wednesday 11th June in Emo GAA field commencing 8.30pm – "Full Moon Circle", with proceeds in aid of the Cuisle Cancer Support Centre, Portlaoise. Further details and to register contact ann.lawlor26@gmail.com. €10 per person. Thank you in advance for your support.

PARISH ALIVE**Moving forward in Hope**

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people & clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin & how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. The day comprises: Input from guest speakers, prayer, general discussion & intentional listening. It takes place **Sat. 21st June in Carlow College** – Reg. 9.30am: 10am–4pm. Booking essential through parishdevelopment@kandle.ie (Lunch included)

ANAM CARA**Support for bereaved parents**

Anam Cara will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed. 11th June at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. Free event. Open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.

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>

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**Cruinniú na nÓg**

Puzzle Club / Knitting Club / Friday Story-time / Lego Free Play - Saturday 10am-1pm Social Chess / Portarlington Junior Book Club / 10/10 Book Club / Baby Book Club / Adult Book Club / Laois Libraries Online Book Club / Sensory Toy Resource Collection Further details & bookings phone 057 8643751 or portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next draw takes place on Mon. 9th June with a **JACKPOT of €3,400**

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO**2nd June 2025 Week No. 23**

Numbers 9, 26, 24, 13 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Jim Evans; O'Reilly Children; Christine Dunne; Rob Kennedy; Jenny Rennick. Promoter prize: Noleen Murphy. Next week's Jackpot €3,200

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.**Lotto Results**

Numbers drawn 3rd June - 3, 5, 6, 18. No Jackpot winner. 5 match 3 winners: Michael Ahern (online), Gordon's Cloneygowan - Seller Bernie Whelehan, Noel Byrne - Seller Noel Byrne, Paddy Mulligan - Seller Tom Coleman. Michael Ahern (2nd ticket) (online). Promoter: Kevin Culleton. Next Draw: Mon. 9th June with a Jackpot of €6,200. Thanks for your support.

Scór na bPáistí

Are you in 6th class or younger and love to sing, dance, act, play music, or tell stories? Then Scór na bPáistí 2025 is the perfect chance for YOU to shine and represent O'Dempsey's. For more information please contact our Irish Language and Culture Officer Georgina on 086-8251468.

Cúl Camps

Cúl Camps will be back in O'Dempsey's from the 14th to 18th July, for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at the following link: www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/

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 7th-11th July / Space Explorers 14th-18th July. Book on discoverylaytime.ie

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY'S TRANSPORT**SERVICE**

Volunteer Drivers needed. We are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in the community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Further information please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

LAOIS GAA GOLF CLASSIC 2025

Fri. 27th June at Portarlington Golf Club. Team of 4 is €400. Tee Box Sponsorship €100. For Team Sheets contact:- Bosco 087 7996043 / Kieran 087 2027124

CARER AVAILABLE**Portarlington & Surrounding Areas**

Carer available, excellent references and years of experience. Local to the area. Cover hygiene care, house duties, meals, shopping, sleep-overs, hospital appointments (car owner). Holds FETAC Level 5 Award. Available Mon. to Fri. Contact Mary on 087 6279682.

LAOIS MUSIC CENTRE

Laois Music Centre is open Tues. 17th June from 6-8pm. All welcome - Free admission. Meet the team of tutors from Laois School of Music and Music Generation Laois. Try out lots of instruments. Laois Music Centre, Church Ave, Portlaoise, R32 Y074 or check out musicgenerationlaois.ie