Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

Portarlington & Emo Parishes are part of the Pastoral Area along with Killeigh, Clonaslee, Rosenallis & Mountmellick

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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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8th November 2026 — Thirty Second Sunday in O.T. — Year 'A'

MASS TIMES
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday) / 6.15pm (Vigil Saturday) 9am & 12.15pm Sunday
St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am Sunday
St. Paul's Church, Emo 7.30pm Sat. /11am Sun.
Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sunday



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

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 7th November 6.15pm
Anne Cobbe (nee Slevin), Portlaoise Road (M.M.) Paddy Boylan, Spa Street; Billy Hyland, Garryhinch (16th Anniv.); Joseph Dunne, Cloneyhurke; Matt & Julia Colgan, Annamoe. Danny & Eileen Allman, St Mary's Tce, Son John Joe Allman, Granddaughter Roslyn Allman; Paddy McEvoy, Gracefield; Dec. members of the McEvoy Family; Ellen Oakley, St. Mary's Tce; her son, Paddy & his wife, Mag Oakley

Sun. 8th November 12.15pm
Geraldine McCusker, Shandra (1st Anniv.); Seamus McCusker, Shandra (13th Anniv.); Michael Rice, Derrymore; Molly Douglas, Bishopswood; John Noonan, St. Joseph's Terrace (9th Anniv.); Joe Brennan, Kilbride; Mary Keegan, Bishopswood, Rita Quinn, Kilbride,

Sat. 14th November 6.15pm
Noel Clancy, Assumpta Tce. (8th Anniv.) Jean Clancy, St Patrick's Tce. (8th Anniv.) Peter Dunne, Portlaoise Road; Patrick & Margaret O'Connell, Rathangan; Rose Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (23rd Anniv.); Ann Kennelly (nee Moran), Dublin & Droughill; Michael & Kathleen Dunne & Dec. members of the Dunne & Dillon Families, Cushina; Nora Earley, The Boundary; Jackie & Maura Leavy, St. Brigid's Square; Bridget & John Lovern, Foxcroft Street, Kaelem, Hainsworth,

Sun. 15th November 12.15pm
Jack & Annette Pigott, The Commons (1st Anniv.); Dec. members of the Pigott & Corcoran Families; Dec. members of the Hutchinson Family, Bog Rd; Dec. members of the Dunne Family, Treascon; Jim Garry, Cloneyquinn; Siobhan Meade, St. Mary's Tce. (10th Anniv.); Rose Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (23rd Anniv.); Sheila Fitzpatrick; Elizabeth Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Paddy Young, Bracklone St. (20th Anniv.); Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale (20th Anniv.); Christina Milner; Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St; William Delaney, Bishopswood; Har Allen, Mountmellick; Gabriel (Gay) Taffe; Dec. members of the Taffe Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 8th November 10.30am
William (Billy) O'Leary, Killenure
Tom Tynan, Old Pound

Sun. 15th November 10.30am
Patrick Rogers, Ballymorris, (3rd Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 7th November 7.30pm
Ned Ryan, Morette (2nd Anniv.)
Chrissie Molloy, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.)
Valerie Carroll, Killimy Road

Sun. 8th November 11am
Paddy Sheridan, Emo Park (6th Anniv.)
Michael Gleeson, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 8th November 9am
May Tynan, Canal House, Fisherstown (1st Anniv.); Peter O'Connell, Kylaglush; Jimmy McLoughlin, Jamestown; Brigid Fitzgerald, Rath (33rd Anniv.); Richard Oldfield, USA: Mairead Prendergast, Newbridge

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK

Ronnie Ridgeway, Garryhinch, Eileen Carroll, Clonanny House, Clonanny Breda (Brigid) Carroll, New Inn, Emo

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON AT 10AM

Mon. 9th Nov: Veronica Kiernan (nee O'Reilly), York, UK & Cushina
Tues. 10th Nov: Rose Fogarty, Avondale
Wed. 11th Nov: Sheila Fitzpatrick, David Finn, Co. Limerick
Thurs. 12th Nov: Tony Phelan (11th Anniv.)
Fri. 13th Nov: Bill & Edith Lawlor, Mountmellick

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 ENROLMENT MASS

Next weekend,14th & 15th November, we welcome the children from the Parishes of Portarlington & Emo who wish to receive their 1st Holy Communion in 2027

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road; Presentation Primary, Station Road; Sandy Lane NS
Sat. 14th Nov. at 6.15pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
St. Paul's N.S., Emo – Sat. 14th Nov. at 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath – Sun. 15th Nov. at 9am in Sacred Heart Church, Rath
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard – Sun. 15th Nov. at 10.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS 2026

Remembering our departed relatives and friends.



Those who have died in the parish during the year, and their families, will be remembered at Mass on Fri. 20th November in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington at 7.30pm & on Sat. 21st November in St. Paul's Church, Emo at 7.30pm. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory.

You are invited to place the names of your loved ones on our **Memorial Tree**.

A Bereavement Book is available in all the Churches, where you can write the names of family members who have died.

INDULGENCES

The faithful who visit a cemetery & pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence for the holy souls, one per day, from 1st to 8th Nov. (One Our Father & Hail Mary for the Popes Intentions).

COMMUNION CALLS NOVEMBER - 2026

Communion calls to the sick and house bound will take place next week as follows:-
Tues. 10th November:
Derrymore; Crowe Lane; St. Brigid's Sq; Lea; Tierhogar; Killenard; St. Michael's Park; Portlaoise Rd; Deerpark; Corrig; Clanmalire; Station Rd, Castle Gate
Wed. 11th November:
Ashgrove; Tullegan; Bellgrove; Fisherstown; Ballintogher; Tinnakill; Killimy; Coolbanagher
Thur. 12th November:
Church View; St. Joseph's Tce; St. Patrick's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce; Shandra; Garryhinch; Sweep Rd; Patrick St; French Church St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Clondoolusk; Sli na Mona; Cushina

NOTICE
CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS
"Church Gate" collections are entirely outside the jurisdiction & responsibility of the Parish. Such collections are sanctioned by permit by An Garda Siochana as "street collections". This permit expressly forbids such collections from taking place on parish property, therefore the collections must take place outside the Church gates.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE
Next Social Dance: Sat. 21st Nov. Music by Dave Lawlor & Michael Cahill. Adm: €10. Refreshments served. Doors open 8.45pm.
Keep Fit Classes: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear, from 7-8pm. €8 per night.
Dancing Lessons: With Noeleen on Thursday nights 7.30pm – 9pm. €10 each night.
Irish Speaking: Continues every Monday night at 7-8pm.
2nd Nov. All very welcome.
Play 25 Card Game: Fri. 20th November 9pm. Lots of prizes – Come along!.

EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Save the Date – Sunday 29th November 2026 in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

IRELAND'S 3RD NATIONAL FIRST SATURDAYS CONFERENCE
At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did as she asked there would be peace in the world & that many souls would be saved.
This year's conference will take place in Knock on Sat. 28th Nov. The day begins at 10am & finishes at 5pm and includes Mass, Adoration, talks & a healing service. Speakers include: Fr. Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr. Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn & Fr. Philip Kemmy. Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. Check out www.firstsaturdays.ie

CLONASLEE CLIODIAGH PLAYERS
Present ***Two Shots & a Cow*** in Mountmellick Arts Centre on 13th & 14th November. Doors open 7.30pm. All very welcome.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED
***Acn Ireland* - Red Wednesday 18th Nov. 2026.** More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history. Join us in standing with them in prayerful solidarity. This Red Wednesday 18th Nov. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to wear something red, light a red candle in your window and pray for their welfare. Acnireland.org
Acn Ireland
Week of Witness for persecuted Christians. 15th – 22nd Nov. 2026. 220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution, while 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated. This week of witness, Aid to the Church in need invites you to support them with prayer.

THE BRAINS OF ARLINGTON TABLE QUIZ ARLINGTON A.F.C.
20th November at 8pm in the Barrow Lodge. 4 people per table. €10 each in. Prizes for all the winners.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 28th Nov. at 7pm in O'Dempsey's GFC Clubhouse.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO
Draw results week no. 2040 – 2nd Nov. 2026.
Numbers, 2, 11, 15 19 – No jackpot winner.
€25 each to the following:-
Ischa Brophy c/o D. Lawlor ; Joe Murphy c/o B. Gorman / Martin Gleeson c/o S. Strong / Peadar Joe, Carn c/o B. Gorman / Michael O'Connor c/o D. Behan. Next draw takes place 9th November with a Jackpot of €5,600.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB
Draw results 2nd Nov – Week No. 45. Numbers 22, 15, 3, 20 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following: Michael Knight; Jenny Rennick; Willie Dempsey; James Dooley; Amy Flanagan. Promoter prize: Anthony Earley. Next week's jackpot €13,400

EMO COMMUNITY COUCH TO 5K & WALKING GROUP
Continues for the month of November. Meet Tues. at 7pm on Emo walking track at the corner, opposite Pa Lattes. It's open to all men & women all ages. €2 pp goes towards lighting the walking track. No reg. Just turn up.

MENS ONLY FITNESS CLASSES
In Emo Community Hall every Mon. night 7pm. Contact Sonya 085 7309397. Spaces limited. Pay as you go.

SAVE THE DATE
A Movember challenge with Sonya Ryan Fitness will be held Sun. 22nd Nov. in Emo Hall – All men, all ages encouraged to participate. Proceeds go to charity. Further details later.

EMO HEALTH & WELLNESS FEST
Emo Health & Wellness Fest organised by St. Paul's football Mothers & others (G4MO) on Sat. 21st Nov. Ladies day out, a mix of exercise classes, wellness talks, lunch & disco. Contacct the St. Paul's G4mo Instagram page or Miriam on 087 4150456 to book.

PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED HOST THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET
Sun. 29th Nov. from 12 Noon – 3pm in Portarlington Community Centre.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE
To remember deceased staff & members of Laois County Council
Taking place Mon. 16th Nov. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

ABIDE

Women's Conference 2026 November:
Join hundreds of women at the **Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal**, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference! Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

VOLUNTEER CONSULTATION
Voluntary groups, volunteers & organisations with a stake in volunteering across Laois are invited to meet up & have their say on how the Laois Volunteer Centre can advance volunteering across the county at a stakeholder engagement workshop on Wed. 11th Nov. from 7pm to 9pm in the Klilleshin Hotel, Portlaoise. All welcome.
Booking essential via
https://www.evenbrite.ie/e/2003350301681

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY
To book call in to Library, Ph: 057 8643751
Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
Leaves Festival at Portarlington Library- Award winning author Louise Nealon in conversation with Helen Carroll.
Award-winning author Louise Nealon joins us at Portarlington Library for a special event exploring her acclaimed novels *Snowflake* and *Everything That Is Beautiful*. In conversation with Helen Carroll, she will discuss the themes that shape her writing, including family, home, love, loss, and the often-complicated journey of becoming ourselves. Free event but booking necessary.
Parenting with Purpose: The Importance of Self-Care and Stress Management this Christmas – Nov. 18th 6:30pm
Join Melissa Moore for plenty of tips on how to manage stress during the festive period. Free event but booking required.
Parent & Child Wellbeing Workshop - A little time together for calm, connection and fun. Sat. 14th Nov. 10:30am
Sessions includes- Fun breathing exercises- Nursery Rhymes with actions- Simple Yoga & Stretching- Story- Story Massage- Relaxation- Art activities. Suitable for children aged 3+ and their parents. Booking essential.
Local History Talk with John Stocks Powell Nov. 25th 6:30pm
Learn about the different comings and goings of people across Portarlington's past. Free event but booking required.
Also taking place:- *Ciorcal Comhrá / La Leche League Coffee Morning / Parents First Baby Group / Digital Support Drop In Sessions / Knitting Club / Lego Free Play / Social Chess(Adults only) / Portarlington Junior Book Club / Baby Book Club:*

RATH N.S. ENROLMENT
Junior Infant enrolment for Rath NS has opened. Closing date Friday 13th Nov. All forms available on our website rathns.ie / 057-8626270.

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL
Open Day at Cloneyhurke NS – Sun. 8th Nov. (today) 12 Noon -2pm R32FT51. Visit our school, meet the staff & pupils. Games & refreshments on the day. Applications for 2027 / 2028 enrolment open until 13th Nov. Application Forms available www.cloneyhurke.net or 057 8623271.

SCOIL NAOMH EOIN, KILLENARD
Junior Infant Admissions for September 2027
Accepting applications until Fri. 13th Nov. Application forms available to download from www.naomheoin.ie / office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

COURTWOOD COMBINED LOTTO.
Courtwood Combined Lotto – €20,000! Tickets available from: The Clubforce App. The attached QR Code. Ballybrittas Service Station or the Final Furlong. Support Courtwood GAA by purchasing a weekly Lotto ticket.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER
As a volunteer driver you will be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital for their treatment and back home. Requirements are a minimum of two drives per month & be available for the full day / Roadworthy car, a clean drivers licence, insurance & NCT. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training. Garda Vetting necessary. Further information contact Emily or Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie