

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

9th August, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 8th August 6.15pm

Lorraine Hoary, Sli Na Mona (M.M.)
Christy Bryan, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.)
Bernard Cawley, Derrycloney, Mountmellick (2nd Anniv.); Ann Murphy, Gracefield (3rd Anniv.); Madge Knight, Assumpta Tce. (7th Anniv.); Bill Brady, Droughill (7th Anniv.); Michael & Marcella Collins, Station Rd. & dec. members of the Cummins Family, Gracefield; Frank Saunders, Wilton Lawns; Carmel Tynan, Patrick Avenue; Rita & Margaret Gallagher, Treason

Sun. 9th August 12.15pm

Christy Bryan, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.)
Paddy Burbage & deceased members of the Burbage Family, Main Street; Seamus Maher, Sandy Lane; Brigid (Biddy) Maughan (nee McDonagh) (6th Anniv.) & James (Jimmy) Maughan (6th Anniv.)

Sat. 15th August 6.15pm

Betty Clancy, Assumpta Terrace (3rd Anniv.); Peter Ryan, Ballymorris; Bridie & Patsy Lawlor, Marian Hill; Finian Keating, Bishopswood; Catherine & George McKaye, The Squar3e; Sarah Ann, Jer & Matthew Kelly, Carn; Mary Harrington (nee Keating)

Sun. 16th August 12.15pm

ANNIVERSARIES

KILLENARD

Sun. 9th August 10.30am

Joe O'Neill, Rosecourt (2nd Anniv.); Thomas McHale Snr., Killenard; Charlie Kirwan, Doolagh; Kathleen Finlay (50th Anniv.) & William Finlay (36th Anniv.), Tierhogar

Sun. 16th August 10.30am

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th August: Paddy Murphy, Avondale / Michael (Chips) Dunne, Deerpark

Tues. 11th August: Brother Brendan (Joseph) Garry (O.L. of Silence) Mellifont Abbey

Wed. 12th August: ---

Thurs. 13th August: ---

Fri. 14th August: ---

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
on Tuesday's after 10am Mass
until 7pm with Rosary afterwards.



ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 8th August 7.30pm

Joseph Keegan, Lough (2nd Anniv.); Sean J. Crowley, Cappakeel (29th Anniv.)
Sheila Grehan, Four Roads, Mountmellick (3rd Anniv.); Ned & Beth Bailey, Cappakeel, their Son, Edward (Neddy) Bailey & their Granddaughter, Regina Bailey.

Sun. 9th August 11am

Anthony (Nanno) Dunne, Morette (14th Anniv.)

Sat. 15th August 7.30pm

Julia (Dillie) Keegan, Morette

Sun. 16th August 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 9th August 9am

Eddie & Liam O'Reilly, Dublin; Rose Keogh, Dunlavin; Charlie Raleigh, Bracklone Street; Tom & Lucy Behan, Bellgrove; Patrick O'Connell, Killaglush, Ballybrittas

Sun. 16th August 9am

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism:-



Sophia Ellen Cox, Tierhogar
Ríadh Pearson, Ballymorris Manor
Oscar Ayre Boland-Harold, Killenard
Austin Giles O'Connor, Tullamore
Oscar William Corcoran, Mountmellick

DECEASED

Please pray for the following
who died recently:-



Eddie Ryan, Luton & formerly Clonsast
(Brother of Ann Fitzgerald, Droughill)

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 10th Aug. St. Lawrence

Tues. 11th Aug. St. Clare

Wed. 12th Aug. St. Jane Frances de Chantal;
St. Lelia; St. Attracta

Thurs. 13th Aug. St. Fachtna; St. Pontian
& St. Hippolytus

Fri. 14th Aug. St. Maximilian Kolbe

CEMETERY MASS - EMO OLD CEMETERY



Saturday 22nd August at 7.30pm

DELANY ARCHIVE

Heritage Week Lecture

The Delany Archive welcomes Dr Niamh NicGhabhann Coleman for a Heritage Week lecture on "Catholic Churches & Chapels before and after Emancipation", including examples from churches in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. The lecture will be held at Carlow College, St Patrick's (R93 A003) on 18th August at 7pm. All are welcome. Admission free – No booking required. Further details available at www.heritageweek.ie
Dr NicGhabhann Coleman is an Associate Professor in the School of History & Geography at the University of Limerick & is currently researching a book on the development of Catholic architecture in Ireland between the 1820s and 1930s.

HERITAGE WEEK 2026

History of the Market House / Presentation on "Boglands – A future in Ireland"

A talk will take place in the Market House on Wed. 19th August commencing at 7.30pm. The event will begin with a brief history of the Market House from 1666 to date. This will be followed by a presentation by the Irish Peatland Conservation Council titled "Boglands – A Future in Ireland" with a special emphasis on the bogs around Portarlington. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Holy day – Saturday 15th August, 2026

We celebrate Mary's day of glorification, her 'Passover' into the resurrected life of her Son. The Feast of the Assumption honours 'the fullness of blessedness that is Mary's destiny'. This Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses as follows on Saturday 15th August.

Portarlington: 10am & 6.15pm

Killenard: 10.30am

Emo: 7.30pm / Rath: 9am

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Next Social Dance on Sat. 15th August. Music by Unity. Doors open 9pm. €10. Refreshments served. A great night guaranteed.

Keep Fit Classes – Wednesday & Friday nights from 7-8pm. €8 per night.

No Dancing lessons for the month of August. Lessons with return in September.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

Golf Scramble

Portarlington Golf Club Friday 18th Sept. Golf, Food & Prizes. €200 per team of 4. Contact Alan on 086 8145979.

Ladies Football

Wednesday's at 7pm at Arlington. New players welcome. Contact Rhona on 085 7034252.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION BURSERY

Offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2026. This bursary is open to first year students only. Students must have been awarded a place in Third level, full time education. If you are eligible check out <https://portcu.ie/about/downloads> or collect an application form in the Credit Union office. You can also request a form to be sent to you over the phone.

JOIN KESTRELS BASKETBALL CLUB

New season starts this September. Boys & Girls U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 & Seniors. Everyone is welcome, beginners, returning players, new players & all abilities. Come along, have fun, make friends & be part of the Kestrels family. Further information from Louise Foster (Head Coach) 087 6134057

kestrelsbasketballclub@gmail.com
Also on Facebook & Instagram.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Next draw takes place 11th August with a Jackpot of €10,000.

NEURO ART - FAMILY FESTIVAL - LAOIS

Midlands first Arts and Neurodiversity Festival. Sat. 22nd August at Old Fort Quarter, Portlaoise 11am to 5pm (quiet time 11am to 12 noon). Music & Dance, Sensory Experiences, Creative Arts & Crafts & Storytelling. Free Entry. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Denise on 086 8193604.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PRAYER DAY

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27. Find peace in a day of Prayer & Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen & Ms Mary Connolly. Venue: Mount St. Anne's R32 WN59. Sat. 29th Aug. 9.30am – 4pm. Concludes with Mass at 3pm. Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15pm. Cost €25. Booking Essential. Call or Text Barbara Kinsella 0861637311

HANG IT ON THE CROSS

*If you have a secret sorrow, a burden or a loss,
an aching need for healing..
Hang it On The Cross.*

*If worry steals your sleep and makes you turn
and toss, if your heart is feeling heavy...
Hang it On The Cross.*

*Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come
across, every prayer unanswered...
Hang it On The Cross.*

*For Christ has borne our brokenness and dearly
paid the cost to turn our trials to triumph...
Hanging On The Cross.*

TOWN CENTRE / URBAN VILLAGE PLAN FOR KILMALOGUE, PORTARLINGTON

Offaly County Council's Regeneration Department is beginning a process of preparing a Town Centre / Urban Village Plan for Kilmalogue. They will be holding a public meeting in September to get views & input from interested groups & individuals. If you would like to attend this meeting, please send your contact details to the following:- acampion@offalycoco.ie

You will receive details of the date, time & location of the meeting.

POBAL SENIOR ALERT ALARM

If you or someone you know needs to register for a Senior Alert Alarm, call into Market House & the PCDA team will be happy to help with the registration process. Easy registration / Monitored 24-7 / Peace of mind. Phone 089 2544295 / www.portarlington.ie

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next draw takes place 10th August with a Jackpot of €3,200.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

3rd August – Week No. 32 – Numbers 10, 3, 8, 21- No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Brenda Byrne; Dooley Family; Niamh Murphy; Mary Garry; Seamus Brennan. Promoter prize: The Hawthorn. Next week's Jackpot €10,800.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY

Portarlington Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. next, 16th August at Foxcroft Street (R32 P786), Portarlington from 2-5pm. Bouncy Castles / Games / Sensory Tent / Children's Races for all age groups / Tug of War / Music / Dancing & lots more. Hope to see you all there. There are plenty of areas available if you wish to bring a picnic.



**ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION
PROGRAMME and COUPLES THERAPY**
A programme for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and Couples Therapy. To view available bookings log onto www.accord.ie

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic movement, now formally recognised by the Holy See — its Statutes were approved by the Vatican on 11th March 2026 in the presence of Cardinal Kevin Farrell. For over 50 years, Marriage Encounter Weekends have helped thousands of couples across Ireland & the world to deepen their relationship with each other & with God, through the gift of communication, renewed commitment, & shared faith. Truly a weekend like no other.

Weekend Details

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare
Dates: Fri. 2nd – Sun. 4th Oct. 2026
Arrival: Friday from 7pm., programme concludes Sunday approx. 4.30pm.
Register at: www.marriageencounter.ie

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



PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



To book call in to Library, Ph 057 8643751
Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

HERITAGE WEEK

1926 Census Talk with Sinead Holland – Wed. 19th Aug. 2:30pm. Join us for this fascinating dive into the 1926 Census. Please book in advance.

Children in the Past: Viking Archaeology – Thurs. 20th Aug. 10:30am Experience life as Viking child growing up in Ireland in this interactive hands on workshop. Suitable for 6-12yrs. Please book in advance.

A Day in the life of a Georgian Lady: Friday 21st Aug. 2:30pm. A fascinating look at Georgian clothing presented by Dr Melissa Shiels. Please book in advance.

August's Treasure Hunt: Monster theme. Find all the letters, solve the puzzle and win a small prize

Pom Pom Monsters Craft: Tues. 4th August 11am. Suitable for 9-12 yrs. Please book in advance.

Lego Free Play – Every Saturday 10:30 -12:30
Adult Chess Club – every Wednesday. Pop in for a friendly game every week, all levels welcome.

Parent's First group – For babies aged 0-1 and their parents. Every Wednesday 12-1pm.

La Leche League Coffee Morning:

Tuesday 11th Aug. 10:30-11:30. Join us to chat about all things breastfeeding. You are invited to this warm & friendly gathering.

Knitting Circle

Every Friday 10:30am -12:30pm. Enjoying some crafting, chat and a cuppa.

Adult Book Club

Reading 1 book a month, we meet on the last Tues. of the month at 11pm to discuss the novel.

Online Book Club

We read one book a month. All titles are available in either audio or ebook format on Borrowbox. Discussion questions are posted on our Facebook page on the last Wednesday of the month.

Junior Book Club and the Baby Book Club

On a break for the summer, returning in Sept.

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

Family Fun Day



Sat. 15th August from 2-5pm at the Old Pound. The event will see an afternoon of activities & entertainment. All welcome.

SURVIVALIST SKILLS CAMP

Survivalist Ireland / Laois Partnership / Sports Ire.

Derryounce Lakes & Trails Community park

Camp age 10-14 years – Tues. 11th Aug.

10am – 2pm

Team building games; nature trails & foraging; shelter building, wild lessons & more.

Camp Age 14-19 years. Wed. 12th Aug.

10am – 2pm.

Team building games; wilderness survival challenge; wilderness first aid training; nature, wellness & meditation; resilience task, water crossing (location dependant).

To book, phone 086 0111722

MASS AT FR. MOORE'S WELL

Bishop Denis Nulty will concelebrate Mass at Fr. Moore's Well, Rathbride, County Kildare commencing at 3pm on Sun. 16th Aug. 2026. All welcome to attend.

O'DEMPSEY'S WEEK CLUB LOTTO

Draw date 4th Aug. Numbers 5,17,27,29
No jackpot winner. Match 3 winner Mairead Slevin. Promoter Jacqueline McCormack. Next draw takes place on Mon. 10th Aug. With a Jackpot of €12,000