

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025

32nd SUNDAY IN O.T. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 8th November 6.15pm

Joseph (Joe) Whyte, Deerpark (M.M.)
Maria (Marita) Serres, Station Road (M.M.)
Thomas (Tommy) Game (M.M.)
Matt Colgan Jnr., Monasterevin & formerly
Annamoe; Paddy Boylan, Spa St; Chrissy
Milner, Ballymorris; Charlie Milner, Walsh Island

Sun. 9th November 12.15pm

Rita Quinn, Kilbride; Mary (Molly) Douglas,
Bishopswood; Margaret & Thomas Mulligan, St.
Brigid's Square; Mary Keegan, Bishopswood

Sat. 15th November 6.15pm

Sean Egan, Cushina (1st Anniv.); Maura (2nd
Anniv.) & Jackie (3rd Anniv.) Leavy, St. Brigid's
Square; Noel & Aileen Hennessy, Bishopswood
Road; Alice, Denis & Peter Walsh; Pat Leavy,
St. Michael's Park (20th Anniv.); Noel Clancy,
Assumpta Tce. (7th Anniv.); Jean Clancy, St.
Patrick's Tce. (7th Anniv.); Ellen Oakley, Paddy
Oakley & Mag Oakley, St. Mary's Terrace; Peter
(PJ) Dunne, Portlaoise Road; Bridget & John
Lovern, Foxcroft St; Michael & Kathleen Dunne,
Cushina & deceased members of the Dunne &
Dillon Families; Tom & Nuala Doyle, Patrick St.
Rosie Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (22nd Anniv.);
Seamie Ryan, Droughill; Dayle Ryan, S/Africa.

Sun. 16th November 12.15pm

Elizabeth Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Ann Kennelly
(nee Moran), Dublin & Droughill; Rosemary
Shanley (10th Anniv.); Kevin Shanley, Patrick
St. (43rd Anniv.); Rosie Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq.
(22nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 9th November 10.30am

Elizabeth (Betty) Davis, Old Pound (M.M.)
Sean Phelan, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.)
William (Billy) O'Leary, Killenure (9th Anniv.)
Catherine Tynan, Woodenbridge (10th Anniv.)
James & Catherine Terrett, Tierhogar

Sun. 16th November 10.30am

Michael Whelehan; Christina & John Whelehan;
John Donnelly, Killenard; Sheila Donnelly;
Angela Donnelly, Monasterevin

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:



Jack Pigott, Kilmainham, Mountmellick
Paul Ryan, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas
May Tynan, Canal House, Fisherstown

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th Nov. Rose Fogarty, Avondale (5th
Anniv.); Brian Crossan (B/Day Remembrance)
Tues. 11th Nov. Fr. John Ward PE, Ballymount
Wed. 12th Nov. Tony Phelan
Thurs. 13th Nov. Bill & Edith Lawlor, M/mellick.
Fri. 14th Nov. Sheila Fitzpatrick

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 8th November 7.30pm

Ned Ryan, Morette (1st Anniv.)
Peter Hyland, Emo Park; Thomas & Mary
Walsh; Deceased members of the Slevin &
Woods Family; Pat Cullen, Fisherstown;
Deceased members of Emo GAA
Thomas & Norah Scully, Coolaghy, daughter
Margaret & sons Pat & Bernard.

Sun. 9th November 11am

Chrissy Molloy, Fisherstown (1st Anniv.); Paddy
Sheridan, Emo Park (5th Anniv.); Teresa Flynn,
Knightstown; Michael Gleeson, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 9th November 9am

Brigid Fitzgerald, Rath (32nd Anniv.)
Peter O'Connell, Kyalglush; Joseph Moran &
Michael Moran, Courtwood; Harry Boyd; Bridget
& John Donohoe, Courtwood

Sun. 16th November 9am

Richard Oldfield, USA; Dan & Pat Coffey, Naas
Deceased members of Courtwood GAA



*We welcome into the Christian Community
through Baptism:-*

Isla Eleena Whelan, Morette
Livia Elise Butler, Coolbanagher

WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

16th – 23rd November, 2025

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.



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

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Remembering our departed relatives
and friends.

In November we Remember!

Those who have died in the parish during the
year, and their families, will be remembered at
Mass on Fri. 21st November in St. Michael's
Church, Portarlington & on Sat. 22nd 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.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

Follow the diocesan X (@KANDLEi & Facebook
KANDLEi pages to receive daily
posts for the month of November,
with posts on the Christian
understanding of death & prayers to accompany
you in this month when we especially remember
& pray for our dead.



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DENIS
**RE: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY
ON SCHOOL PATRONAGE**



The current Department of Education survey on
the future of patronage in the primary sector is
important in that it will shape the discussion on
primary school divesting for the years to come
throughout the Republic of Ireland. It is
important that those who wish for a change in
patronage would have their voice heard. It is
equally important that those who wish for a
Catholic Education for their children and for
those who would wish for sacramental
preparation within school would have their voice
heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that
an accurate picture emerges, please participate
in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective
parent of a primary school student.

The survey can be accessed at
<https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>
The survey closes on 16th December 2025.

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Cloneyhurke National School invite all local families to our **Open Day & Family Fun Day** on Sun. 9th Nov. (today) from 12–2pm. There will be displays of pupils' work, VEX robotics demonstrations, sports & games, Lego building, Green Schools project updates, & a chance to see our sensory circuits. You'll also be able to explore the history of our school. Refreshments served & lots of activities for children. We welcome families with pre-school children who may be enrolling in the coming years to come and see our school. Eircode R32FT51

CARE TO DRIVE – IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

Further information contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS

Reminder to keep **Sun. 30th November** free for our Annual Christmas Party. Invitations will be handed out shortly.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Digital Support Drop In Sessions

An LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30 -12:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device & any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.
Messy Play: 18 mths. - 4year olds. Have great fun making as much mess as you want!
Booking essential

Ciorcal Comhrá - Every Tuesday 11am.
New members welcome.

Knitting Club - Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30pm. All skill levels welcome.

Lego Free Play - Sat. 10am-1pm

Social Chess - Wed. evenings 6pm-7pm, enjoy a game of chess, a cuppa & a chat.
New members always welcome

Portarlington Junior Book Club - Meet the last Wed. of the month – Club is suitable for 9-12year olds. Booking essential

Baby Book Club - Wed. 10:30am (except for school holidays). Booking essential

Adult Book Club - Last Tuesday of the month.
To book or for more info call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

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

O'Dempsey's GFC Lotto Results

3rd November - 3 Match 3 Winners: Eddie Fitzpatrick, Leah Barry, Cormac O'Hora.
Promoter Prize: Bernie Whelehan.
Next week's Jackpot €8,400.

A.G.M. Sat. 29th Nov. commencing 7pm at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend. Any queries can be directed to secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie

TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE DRAW

The draw for a prize of a weekend for two in the South of France will take place on Saturday 15th November at 8pm in the Anvil Inn.

JOB VACANCY – FAITH DEVELOPMENT

OFFICER (School Retreats)

Mount St. Anne's is looking for a dynamic & experienced person to join our team at this busy Centre. For detailed job description, please Email ceo@mountstannes.com. For info. about the Centre - www.mountstannes.com. Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer.
Closing date Dec. 4th, 2025.

EMO ART & CRAFT FAIR (TODAY)

Emo Art And Craft Fair will be held today, Sun. 9th Nov. in Emo Community Centre. We will be open from 11.30am to 5pm. All very welcome.

BALLYFIN PLAYERS PRESENT

THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS



The Black and Tan raid in Clontyglass The Hired Help

The Yank Outsider

Fri. 14th Nov. & Sat. 15th Nov. commencing 7.30pm. Venue: Mountmellick Community Arts Centre – Balcony Theatre. Tickets €15.
Tickets available on <https://WillWeGo.com>

SOLAS ECO GARDEN CENTRE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Launch & Evening Market

Sat. 8th Nov. 1pm – 8pm. Kick off the festive season by visiting our Christmas Craft Market, festive food and drink and live music from Portarlington Concert Band. Children can write letters to Santa & watch Mrs. Claus as she turns on the Christmas lights.

Vintage Market – Sun. 16th Nov. 11am – 4pm.
Discover unique retro treasures, vintage fashion, antiques and hand-crafted gems from a range of passionate traders.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN25TH JUBILEE

"Spoken Word / Reminiscing"

Fri. 12th Dec. commencing 7.30pm in Colaiste Íosagáin, Portarlington. All welcome to attend.

KILLENARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sun. 7th Dec. commencing 11am (after Mass) our 2nd Annual Christmas Market. Browse local stalls or hand-crafted gifts & festive treats, enjoy arts & crafts, face painting, raffle prizes, coffee & meet Santa Claus himself!
Fun for the whole family!

POKER NIGHT – PORTARLINGTON

GOLF CLUB

Sat. 15th Nov. commencing 8pm.
Tickets available on the door at €25.

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Dec. 13th – **PHIL COULTER** is coming to town. Commencing 8pm. 'Tranquility by Candlelight.'
Check out our website for details & booking: mountmellickcommunityartscentre.ie
Film showing every Wednesday night commencing 8pm. €5 (includes tea & snacks).

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Swimming lessons – Priority booking now.

Swimming lessons – Open bookings

Rookie Lifeguard

Phone 057 8645800

Email portarlington@laoisleisure.ie.

SMOKE ALARM INITIATIVE

Laois County Fire & Rescue Service

The smoke alarm initiative aims to support older or vulnerable people in our community & help them live in their own home with independence & safety. If you are in this category or know someone that would benefit from a free smoke alarm, phone 057 8692168 or Email lo@localink.ie or fireadmin@laoiscoco.ie
Free Fire Safety in the Home booklet avail.

PRAYER SERVICE

Annual prayer service to remember deceased staff and members of Laois County Council will be held Tues. 18th Nov. 2025 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

8th Nov. Week No. 45.

Numbers 6, 29, 12, 11 – No jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:-
Matthew Conroy; Mary Mullen; Tom Coleman;
Tony Mullen; Arthur Lambe.
Promoter prize James Brady.
Next week's Jackpot €3,200



EMO – RATH PARISH

3/11/25 – Week No. 1998

Numbers 5, 8, 14, 15

No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:
Bernie Fenlon C/o Deirdre; Paula McCormack C/o Ann Lowry; Sarah McLoughlin C/o Maeve; Hilary Lawlor C/o Hilary x 2. Next draw takes place 10th Nov. with a Jackpot of €3,200.

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER

GROUP NOVEMBER EVENTS



Fri. 14th Nov: Phonics with Robot Reg

Fri. 21st Nov. Zumbini

Fri. 28th Nov. Teddy Bear Picnic.

From 10.30am until 11.30am each morning.
Venue: Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child.
Instagram PARENTTODDLERGROUPOPPORT
[@parenttoddlergroupport](https://parenttoddlergroupport)

ST. BRIGID'S TEXT ALERT

In conjunction with Muintir na Tire we are setting up a Community Support Register within our text alert areas. (Shandra, Sweep Road, Annamoe, Kilnashown, Garryhinch, Portnahinch, Borness, Cloneyhurke, Cooltycanon, Cloneyquin, Woodbrook, Cloneygowan, Raheen, Bogtown, Kilcooney, Ballinvoher, Ballymacrossan, Ard.)
Support can take many forms of help - from practical supports like delivering groceries; ensuring people have fuel & medicines to simply just checking in on our elderly neighbours & those living alone. We will be providing emergency packs to any vulnerable residents in our area who register with us. We can also help with personal alarms, smoke alarms & crime prevention advice. If you have a family member or neighbour living on their own please get in touch dawnchamp76@gmail.com.
All details are strictly confidential.

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS TREE

Portarlington Christmas Tree Committee are fundraising again this year. These funds will cover the cost of insurance, electricity, new bulbs and maintenance. We need your help. You can donate on gofundme.com Portarlington Christmas tree. Check out Facebook to donate.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come join us for some festive cheer & lovely Christmas Carols in Portarlington Community Centre on Nov. 30th at 1pm. Proceeds in aid of Portarlinton's Women's Shed.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Hosted by Portarlington Concert Band

Takes place 29th November from 12 Noon to 5pm in St. Michael's NS, Patrick Street (Girls Old School). This is also an opportunity to join our band. Come along and try out all our instruments and view live performance of the Band throughout the day.
To join the market or enquire about the band phone 083 0452810.

ARLINGTON WINTER ACADEMY

For Girls & Boys born in 2018 & 2019.
Starting Thurs 20th Nov. 2025. 6pm to 7pm
At Portarlington Community Centre. €50 for the 8 week Programme. To sign up contact Phil by WhatsApp 0868100657.