



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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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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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. 18TH MAY 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 17th May 6.15pm

Paddy Dowling, St. Joseph's Tce. (6th Anniv.);
Marcella Dix, Gracefield; Pat McCann,
St. Brigid's Square; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny;
Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke; Liam Costello, St.
Brigid's Sq. (4th Anniv.)

Sun. 18th May 12.15pm

Tony O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.);
James & Kathleen Walsh; John Corcoran,
Ballybrittas; Andrew Turley, Station Road

Sat. 24th May 6.15pm

Liam Fingleton (1st Anniv.); Patrick St; William,
Sheila & Paul Fingleton & dec. members of the
Prendeville Family; Niall Nolan, Rathleash (3rd
Anniv.); Bridie & Christopher Cooper & dec.
members of the Cooper Family, Ullard; Mary &
Luke Delaney & dec. members of the Delaney
Family, Passlands;

Sun. 25th May 12.15pm

Padraig Douglas, Bishopswood
Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Edward & Sarah
Roycroft, Bracklone St; Paddy Dyer & dec.
members of the Dyer Family, Bracklone St.
John & Ray Whelan, Patrick Street

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 18th May 10.30am

Sun. 25th May 10.30am

Sr. Cora McHale, Killenard; Garrett Knight;
Annie Knight, Seskin; James Phillips, Seskin;
Julie Slevin, Garryvacum
Caleb Powell, Ballybrittas

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Thurs 22nd May 10am

Joseph & Mary O'Reilly, Cushina

Fri. 23rd May 10am

Thomas Kennedy, St. Michael's Park

DECEASED

**Pray for the following who died during
the week:-**

Helen Melia (nee Maher), Treascon &
Portlaoise

Dolores Simmonson (nee McCarthy),
Avondale & Dublin

CEMETERY MASS 2025

Killenard – Fri. 4th July – 7.30pm

Portarlington – Fri. 11th July – 7.30pm

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

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 17th May 7.30pm

Francis Langford, Morette (6th Anniv.)
Johnny Keegan & dec. members of the Keegan
Family, Morette; Nora (Peg) McGuirk,
Knightstown (9th Anniv.); Michael Kelly, Emo

Sun. 18th May 11am

Eileen Kirwan, Killimy

Sat. 24th May 7.30pm

Sun. 25th May 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 18th May 9am

John Corcoran, Ballybrittas
Michael & Bridget McEvoy, Courtwood
Johnny Murphy, Courtwood

Sun. 25th May 9am

Ang O'Connell, Bellgrove
Frances Behan, Bellgrove; Paddy & Cora
O'Dwyer; May O'Connell (B/Day Rem.)



Cian Peter Poole, Ballycullane

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every day for
the month of May in:- **St. Johns Church,**
Killenard. Time 4pm. All very welcome.

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Rosary every evening at 7pm.

All very welcome.



Congratulations to the children from

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

who receive the Sacrament of First Holy
Communion this weekend.

**The following are the upcoming
1st Holy Communion dates:-**

Scoil Phadraig / Cloneyhurke National School & Sandy Lane National School

Sat. 24th May-11.30am in St. Michael's Church

Sacred Heart National School, Rath

Sat. 7th June - 11.30am in Sacred Heart Church

THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO



Visit to Holycross Abbey, Thurles,

Sat. 24th May:

10am Mass; 10.45am Veneration;
12 Noon Rosary & Veneration; 6pm Evening
Prayer; 6.30pm Veneration.

Sun. 25th May:

9am Veneration; 11am Sunday Mass;
12 Noon Veneration.

St. Pio's National Pilgrimage

1.30pm Rosary; 2pm Stations of the Cross;
2.40pm Anointing of the Sick;
3pm Mass in honour of St. Pio;
4pm Veneration; 7pm Evening prayer
& farewell.

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



COLLECTION 2025

Amount collected:-

Portarlington Parish €8,209.00

Emo Parish €2,555.00

Sincere thanks to all who donated.
You can still drop back any outstanding
Trocaire Boxes. All monies collected
will be sent to Trocaire.

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

BEALTAINÉ AT THE LIBRARY



Puzzle Club – Jigsaw morning & a cuppa!
Tuesday's 10:30-12:30 New member's welcome.

Knitting Club: Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30

Friday Storytime – Fridays at 3:30pm

Lego Free Play: Saturdays 10am-1pm

Social Chess: Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm

Portarlinton Junior Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. *Booking is essential*

10/10 Book Club: Book club for reluctant

readers in 5th & 6th class. *Booking essential*

Baby Book Club: Wednesdays 10:30am.

Booking is essential.

Adult Book Club: The last Tuesday each month **Sensory Toy Resource Collection** – Service for parents of children with additional needs. **Laois Libraries Online Book Club** Read 1 book per month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Meet last Wednesday of the month. Further details & bookings phone 057 8643751 or Email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES 2025

Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & keeping vigil.

Fri. 30th May – Fri. 15th August. General Adm:

€85 / Students & Seniors €75.

One Day Retreat

Day of guided prayer & reflection during May, August and September. Further details from Email info@loughderg.org / Ph 071 9861518 www.loughderg.org

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Full coaching available – All adult levels. Junior Coaching Classes now operate on a waiting list. Club membership is required for coaching classes. Children U.6 will not need membership.

Over 50 and wanting to return to Tennis? Phone or text 087 9463147 to arrange a free trial with our O.50 Social tennis Group. Racquet & tennis balls provided.

FAMILY NATURE TRAIL



Portarlinton Lions Club have organised a **Family Nature Trail** today, Sunday 18th May. Meeting point is in the car park at Derryvilla. Registration from 10.30am. Prizes on the day for the person who finds the clues. Free Event.

SCOIL NAOMH EOIN PARENTS COUNCIL

Ladies Night will take place in the Railway Bar on Sat. 24th May. Tickets €20 and include glass of Prosecco upon arrival / Nibbles during the night & DJ to dance the night away. The perfect excuse to get together with your friends for a great night out.



Tickets available through 'Aladdin' or the school office.

BREAK AWAY TO

GALWAY

Mon. 1st Sept. to Fri. 5th Sept. Staying at the Clayton Hotel / 4 nights B & B & Dinner. Touring each day, Bingo each night after dinner, music in hotel on two nights. Cost €569 pps. Leaving Walsh Island on the morning with pick-ups in Portarlinton, Cloneygowan & Tullamore. Contact Tina Murphy on 087 9476960 / Jackie Sherman on 085 1528395 or Betty Corcoran on 087 7805940 for further info. & booking.



PARISH ALIVE

MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and 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 will comprise of inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion & intentional listening. It takes place Sat. 21st June in Carlow College – Registration 9.30am: 10am–4pm.

Booking essential through parishdevelopment@kandle.ie providing your name & parish.

KNOCK SHRINE

On June 22nd the Sacred Heart Crusade – Jubilee 2025 will take place at Knock Shrine.

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. Full a full days programme & details Pilgrim Statue visitations visit

www.sacredheartcrusade.ie. Contact the Parish Office and leave your name if you are interested in travelling by bus.

THEOLOGY OPEN DAY



Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Check out prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Sat. 24th May.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU!



ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun & interactive & popular with couples. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during 7 in-person workshops at venues around the country & will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday 30th May. Phone Aisling on 01 5053112 or Email to marriagepreparation@accord.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

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1976 – 12th May 2025

Numbers 12, 15, 19, 20. €25 to each of the following:-

Pauric Booth C/o B. Gorman; Declan Wilson C/o Mena; John Dowling C/o S. Strong; Christine Ryan C/o Maeve; Davy Costello C/o Emo GAA. Next draw takes place 17th May with a Jackpot of €3,000.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

LOTTO

12th May – Week. 20. Numbers 8, 14, 31, 30. No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Elaine Slevin; Eamonn Conway; James Grehan; Tracey Murphy; Martin McAteer. Promoter prize: The Hawthorn. Next week's Jackpot €2,600.

ST. BRIGIDS SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

SOCIAL DANCE

Sat. 24th May. Music by Dave Lalor.

Doors open 9pm. Adm. €10.

Refreshments served.

KEEP FIT

Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm

DANCING LESSONS

Thurs. 7.30-9pm.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 12th May: 7,10,26,30. No Jackpot winner. One Match 3 winner (€100): Liam & Rita Finlay. Promoter: Conal Barry. Next Draw: Monday 19th May 2025 with a Jackpot of €5,900. Thanks for your support.

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/

PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB

The Club's AGM will take place at the grounds on Lea Road Thurs. 22nd May at 8pm – All paid up full members can take part. Let's continue to strengthen our club. Your participation would be essential in shaping our future.

ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Annual Golf Day

Portarlinton Golf Club

Thurs. 22nd May – 4 person scramble.

Time sheet available in Port. Golf Club.

To book your tee time please contact the golf shop at the Golf Club on **057 8623115**

PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB

TABLE QUIZ

In Portarlinton Golf Club on Fri. 23rd May at the Clubhouse in Garryhinch. Prizes for top three, with a raffle on the night. Table of four €40. Contact 057 8621135 or Email office@portarlintongolfclub.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

