



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 19th OCTOBER 2025

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 18th October 6.15pm

Willie Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (17th Anniv.)
Lill Hebden, London & Cloneyhurke; Sheila Dunne, London & Cloneyhurke; James & Josephine Nolan & deceased members of the Nolan Family, Walsh Island

Sun. 19th October 12.15pm

Billy Murphy, Foxcroft Court (M.M.)
Joan Murphy, Foxcroft Court (2nd Anniv.)
Seamus Mullally, Rosecourt (17th Anniv.)
Grace O'Neill, Church View (2nd Anniv.)
Mairead Kennedy, Bog Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
Pat Sinnott, Courtown (2nd Anniv.)
Alice Maher, The Lock (3rd Anniv.) & dec. members of the Maher & Mulhall Families
Trevor Ennis, St. Michael's Park (3rd Anniv.)
Michael Smyth, Droughill (4th Anniv.) & dec. members of the Smyth Family, Droughill
Tom & Lily Coogan, Arlington Estate
Gretchan & Margo Whelan, Patrick Street
Michael Gilligan, Lea (22nd Anniv.)

Sat. 25th October 6.15pm

George Donagher Snr., Bishopswood Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Teresa Bolton, Blackhall Bridge (3rd Anniv.)

Sun. 26th October 12.15pm

Maureen Weldon, Cushina (18th Anniv.)
Liam Muldowney, Bog Road (20th Anniv.) & his son Gerard Muldowney, Westport & Bog Road;
Tina Dempsey, Clondoolusk (31st Anniv.)
Michael & Rose Roycroft, St. Michael's Park
Ann & Jack Ryan, Church Lane

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 19th October 10.30am

Alice Maher, The Lock (3rd Anniv.) & dec. members of the Maher & Mulhall Families
Margaret, Mark & Breda Fitzpatrick, Tierhogar
Elizabeth Moore, Springfield, Michael Terrett, Rathleash, (6th Anniv.)

Sun. 26th October 10.30am

Bernard Tynan, Rathmiles & deceased members of the Tynan Family, Rathmiles

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-



Lyla Murphy, Naas & Clondalkin (Mother of Liam Murphy, Droughill Lawns)

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Tues. 21st Oct. Veronica (Vera) Keegan, Cloneyhurke

Wed. 22nd Oct. Ailish O'Neill, Bracknagh

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 18th October 7.30pm

Josephine & Edward Dunne, Clonamone;
Frank Behan; Martin Joe Keating

Sun. 19th October 11am

James Dempsey, Tinnakill

Sat. 25th October 7.30pm

James & Bridie Lewis, New Inn

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 19th October 9am

Liam Hogan, Jamestown, Ballybrittas

Sun. 26th October 9am

Lar Flynn, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.)
Bridget Dempsey, Jamestown (4th Anniv.)
Micheal Kinsella, Fisherstown (7th Anniv.)

NOTICE

The Priests of the parish visit the sick and housebound every Month. If you would like to have your name on the list for a monthly visit, or a member of your family, phone the Parish Office 057 8643004 (Mon. – Fri. 9.30-1.30pm)



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Isabelle Rose Mulhare, Portlaoise
Darragh Michael Walsh, Tierhogar

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed. 22nd Oct. St. John Paul II
Thurs. 23rd Oct. St. John of Capistrano
Fri. 24th Oct. St. Anthony Mary Claret
Also United Nations Day

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 2nd November 2025. Blessing will take place as follows:- Killenard Cemetery after the 10.30am Mass St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm



MISSION SUNDAY TODAY!



Transcript of the Holy Father's Appeal for World Mission Sunday 2025.

Video <https://youtu.be/eEwDtbXt4c>



Dear Brothers & Sisters,
on World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries & the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors. When I served as a missionary priest & then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer & the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday.

This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth.

Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.

God bless you all!

Pope Leo XIV



This annual collection takes place at all Masses this weekend. An envelope available in your development boxes or at the back of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT MASS 2025



Those who have died in the parish during the year, and their families, will be remembered at Mass on Friday 21st November in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington & on Saturday 22nd November in St. Paul's Church, Emo (7.30pm). A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory.

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL



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

THE GUILD OF ST. PHILIP, PORTLAOISE

The Guild provides a befriending service for prisoners in Portlaoise and The Midlands Prisons who have no family visits. The Guild is a positive force in the lives of prisoners visited. If you are interested in becoming a Guild member please contact 086 0462405.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Parent & Child Yoga.

Wed. 29th Oct. 3pm. Take a calming hour out of the midterm break with this lovely Yoga club suitable for children age 3-7 years & their parents. Booking essential.

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Every Tuesday 11am. New members welcome.

Halloween Storytime & Craft.

Tues. 28th Oct. 3pm. 4-8 year olds.

Booking essential.

Halloween Puzzle Hunt

Looking for something to keep the children occupied during mid-term. Pop in & do our Halloween puzzle hunt & win a small prize.

Lots of regular activities – See list below:

Puzzle Club Tuesday / Knitting Club Friday / Lego Free Play Saturday / Social Chess Wednesday / Junior Book Club / Baby Book Club / Adult Book Club /

For further information and booking contact: 057-8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

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

Dinner Dance 2025

Join O'Dempsey's GFC as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of our 1980 Minor and Senior Championship wins. On the night we'll also present our 2025 Junior C team with their league medals. It takes place **Nov. 1st**, at the Heritage Hotel. Tickets available at this link <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/odempseys-gfc-dinner-dance-2025> or contact any committee member for further details.

SATURDAY SOCIAL DANCE



A Social Dance will take place on Sat. 25th October in the Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlington. Music by Glor Tire Star Alex Roe. Doors open 8pm Dancing 8.30pm - 11.30pm.

Admission €10 also Raffle in aid of Hall Window Refurbishment.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCY

Caring in Offaly CE Scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2415631, Portarlington area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711 or ahackett@familycarers.ie

BEST WISHES TO THE PARISH TEAMS



Portarlington GAA & Courtwood GAA Replay – Sat. 25th October.

Men's Senior County Final Replay next Saturday (25th October) in Laois Hire O'Moore Park, Portlaoise commencing 6.30pm. We wish both our teams the very best of luck in this final. **May the best team win!**

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

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Wed. 22nd October, commencing 8pm
FILM: THE CRITIC with Ian McKellen - €5 (includes tea & snacks). Free parking.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Portarlington RFC Halloween Disco will take place in Portarlington Rugby Club, Lea Road for 5th and 6th Class. Friday 24th October from 8pm to 10.30pm. Tickets are available at Adrian Dunne's Pharmacy Portarlington.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Birthday Party Hire. Two hour hall hire includes Football nets & music system. Contact 057 8645728. Castle hire - John on 085 2347758.

VINTAGE MARKET

Sun. 19th Oct. (today) 11am-4pm at Solas Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road. Includes a wide range of handmade crafts, vintage treasures, and artisan goods. Whether you want to shop or sell, this is the place to be! Free entry.

CAR BOOT SALE

Sun. 26th October. Traders arrive 8.30am. Public entry 10am - €2 / Children go free. Second hand clothes, books, toys, home-ware, vintage items & lots more. You can book a pitch to sell your own items. Contact: www.thegardenshop.ie/solas-car-boot-sale.

EMO ART & CRAFT FAIR

Emo Art And Craft Fair will be held on Sunday the 9th November in Emo Community Centre. We will be open from 11.30am to 5pm. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, contact Stephanie on 0868378659.

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, KILLENARD

Job Vacancies – Domestic Assistants
Looking for dynamic & experienced people to join our Team at this busy Centre. For more information or to submit your CV, please email CV operationsmanager@mou ntstannes.com.

For information about the Centre visit www.mountstannes.com. Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer.



PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Portarlington Musical Society proudly presents **EXIT ROUTES by Liz Turner.**

Directed by Tom Moore. The play will take place on the 6th and 7th of December 2025 in the Parochial Hall, Market Square (R32 YK24).

Tickets €10. Get your tickets from <https://willwego.com/organiser/portarlington-musical-society>

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Portarlington has introduced a new Helpline to facilitate people who may need help from the Society. The new methods of contacting the Society are as follows:
Phone 051-350725 or Email info.southeast@svp.ie or complete web request at www.svp.ie We to thank all of the people who so generously support the Society in its work throughout the years.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Keep Fit Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €8 per session
Dancing Lessons resume as usual on Thurs. 23rd October. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

13th Oct. 2025 – Week No. 42
Winning numbers 31, 20, 15, 25
No jackpot winner.
€50 each to John Kelly; Terence O'Neill, Colin Hanlon, Charlie Evans and to Tracey Murphy.
Promoter prize Breda Flanagan.
Next week's Jackpot €2,600

EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1996 – Date 13th Oct. 2025

Numbers 3, 4, 6, 12 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Sheila McNair C/o Mena; Cathy Corcoran C/o Majella; Sarah O'Reilly; Lisa O'Reilly; Rosaleen Kirwan C/o Deidre
Next draw takes place on 20th October with a Jackpot of €2,800.

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP OCTOBER SESSIONS



Fri. 17th Oct National Pasta Day

Fri. 24th Oct. Halloween Costume Party

Join us for the above October classes with fun activities to keep the little ones entertained & plenty of tea/coffee for the grown-up's to enjoy.. Suitable for 0-5 year olds. New members always welcome. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Friday's from 10.30am – 11.30am. Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child.
[@parenttoddlergroupport](https://parenttoddlergroupport)

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT

With Monasterevin Gospel Choir

Friday 31st October 2025 in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin at 8pm. Tickets €30.
Tickets on sale from: Parish Office, Monasterevin on 045 525346, Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395. Proceeds In aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Senior Citizens

LAOIS BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Community Climate Action Fund

Have your say on Laois' Biodiversity Action Plan. Hear about 100% funding for Biodiversity Projects in your community. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre. Date: Wed. 22nd October 5-6pm and 6-7pm (two sessions). Lisa Doyle, Biodiversity Officer, Laois Co. Co. On biodiversity issues in Laois, facilitated discussion and advice on completing submissions. Karen Moore, Community Climate Action Officer will share project ideas for biodiversity funding. Copy of discussion paper and related documents available at Laois.ie or in your local Library. Everyone welcome to drop in.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

7th – 9th November – Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Further info. & booking www.marriageencounter.ie