



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

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 26th OCTOBER 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 25th October 6.15pm

Anne Dunphy (nee O'Connor), UK & Killenard (1st Anniv.); George Donagher Snr., Bishopswood Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Teresa Bolton, Blackhall (3rd Anniv.); Mary Scully, Dublin (4th Anniv.); John Joe & BB Clarke, Marian Hill

Sun. 26th October 12.15pm

Maureen Weldon, Cushina (18th Anniv.)
Liam Muldowney, Bog Rd. (20th Anniv.); Gerard Muldowney, Westport & Bog Rd; Tina Dempsey, Clondoolusk (31st Anniv.); Michael & Rose Roycroft, St. Michael's Park; Nan & Jack Ryan, Church Lane; Oliver Evans, St. Joseph's Terrace. (6th Anniv.)

Sat. 1st November 6.15pm

Mary Hyland, Garryhinch (MM); Billy Hyland, Garryhinch; Evan Clancy, Pine Villa; Frank & Mary Ward & Daughter Ann, Bracknagh; Lily Maher, Sandy Lane; Annie & Mick Nolan, Killenure; Matt & Julia Colgan, Annamoe; Dan & Mary Gallagher, Treascon, Dec. members of the Gallagher Family, Christy, Paddy & Ned Whelan, Treascon; Dec. members of the Whelan Family, Andy & Mary Gallagher, UK.

Sun. 2nd November 12.15pm

Arthur & Julia Bryan, Cloneyquin; Daughter Kathleen, (recently deceased UK); Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Cloneyquin; Kathleen Burbage, Main St. & dec. members of the Burbage Family; Michael Rice, Derrymore; Mary & Jim Carroll, Bracklone St; Kate & Pat Sherlock, Monaghan; Daniel & Maisie Mulvihill, Droughill; Kathleen & Eamonn Collier, Station Road. John & Stella Monaghan, Main Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 26th October 10.30am

Bernard Tynan, Rathmiles & dec. members of the Tynan Family, Rathmiles; Paddy Murphy (17th Anniv.) & Rose Murphy (5th Anniv.), 'Emmaus', Killenard

Sun. 2nd November 10.30am

Bridget Kiernan (1st Anniv.) Thomas Kiernan, Lea Rd; Mary & John Kiernan, Ballycarroll; Veronica Kiernan, UK; Patrick Deffew, Garryvacum; Sally Dalton; Sean Phelan, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.); Tom, Liam & Jimmy McCormack & dec. members of the McCormack Family, Lea; James Kearney, Ballybrittas (30th Anniv.); Kathleen Kearney; Kathleen Malone, Rosecourt; Chris Fitzgerald, Killenure; Sean Fitzgerald, Killenure; Jack & Bridie Murray, Ballycarroll; Michael Costello, Ballycarroll & Lea;

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 27th Oct. Joan Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (11th Anniv.)

Tues. 28th Oct. John & Bridget O'Neill, Gracefield, Owen & Isobel O'Neill, Molly (O'Neill) & husband Bob; Jimmy O'Neill

Wed. 29th Oct. Faith Pollard (1st Anniv.) Mick & Janet Fagan; Pauline Burr

Thurs. 30th Oct. Jackie Hanlon, Gracefield

Fri. 31st Oct. Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 25th October 7.30pm

James & Bridie Lewis, New Inn
Ned & Beth Bailey, Cappakeel & deceased members of the Bailey Family; John Dunne, Coolbanagher, his son Pascal John Dunne, Coolbanagher

Sat. 1st November 7.30pm

Johnny & Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas; Baby Philip Rowe, Portlaoise; Valerie Carroll, Killimy Road; John O'Flynn (8th Anniv.)

Sun. 2nd November 11am

Kevin Pigott, Coolaghy (M.M.)
Denis Daly, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St; Har Allen, Mountmellick

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 26th October 9am

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

Sun. 2nd November 9am

Dan Donohoe, Jamestown
Tommy Donohoe, Rath & deceased members of the Donohoe Family

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Annette Pigott (nee Corcoran), Kilmainham, Mountmellick



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Levi William Doorley, Riverside
Cathal Alan O'Halloran, Station Court
Bobby John Gleeson, St. Joseph's Terrace
Aria Nicola Price, Arlington Estate
Veronica Rastopcina, Crann Nua

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 27th Oct. St. Otteran of Iona & Waterford

Tues. 28th Oct. Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

Wed. 29th Oct. St. Colman (Cloyne)

Fri. 31st Oct. Bl Dominic Collins SJ (Cloyne)



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY

Saturday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints & is a Holy day. Masses as follows:-

Portarlington 10am (Sat.) & 6.15pm (Sat.)

Killenard 10.30am (Sat.)

Rath 9am (Sat.)

Emo 7.30pm (Sat.)

FEAST OF ALL SOULS SUN. 2ND NOVEMBER

Sunday Mass times

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 2nd November. Blessing will take place as follows:-

Killenard Cemetery after the

10.30am Mass St. Michael's

Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm



COMMUNION CALLS - OCTOBER 2025

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:-

Tuesday 28th October

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane; Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Tierhogar; Lea; Portlaoise Rd; Kilbride

Wednesday 29th October

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

Thursday 30th October

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Slí na Móna; Cushina



DEAD LIST



If you wish to enrol your loved ones on the Dead List to be remembered at Masses during the year, an envelope is available in your development box or in the Church porch.

EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS

Reminder to keep Sun. 30th November
free for our Annual Christmas Party.

Invitations will be handed out in a week or two.

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 & 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

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.

Ciorcal Comhra

Every Tuesday 11am – 12 Noon. Would you like to join us to practice your Irish in an informal setting? Further info. call 057 8643751.

New members very welcome.

Halloween Storytime & Craft.

Tues. 28th Oct. 12.30pm. Start the Halloween break with this lovely storytime & craft, suitable for 4-8 years. Places limited so 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.

Leaves Festival

Weaving, History & Heart; Writing Safe Historical Romance with Seána Tinley & Val Troy. Join us for a lively discussion between award-winning saga & regency romance author Seána Tinley & comedy writer Val Troy, exploring the enduring power of women's stories in commercial fiction. Free event – Booking essential. Lots of regular activities – See 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

Lotto Results - Numbers Drawn: 20th Oct. 9, 11, 17, 24. No Jackpot winner. One match 3 winner: Liam Canavan. Promoter: Kevin Culleton. Next Draw: Tues. 28th Oct. with Jackpot of €8,200.

Thanks for your support.

AGM - Save the Date

Our club AGM is scheduled to take place on Sat. 29th November. It starts at 7pm at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse.

All members are encouraged to attend. Further details will issue soon. Any queries can be directed to secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie

Dinner Dance

Final call for 2025 Dinner Dance! It takes place 1st November 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.

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

RATH COLLECTORS - NOVEMBER 2025

Colm Wilson & Robbie Flynn

THANK YOU!

Missio Ireland extend their gratitude to all the benefactors who supported Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas missions and missionaries. On behalf of the missionaries, and the men, women and children whose lives you help transform through your continued support of World Mission Sunday, I extend my sincere gratitude. Fr. Michael Kelly SPS. National Director, Missio Ireland.

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Wed. 29th October, commencing 8pm
FILM: SINNERS – A Halloween scare with an Irish twist. - €5 (includes tea & snacks).

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

CAR BOOT SALE

Sun. 26th October (today). 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.

SPOOKY STORIES WITH GRANNY**GRUESOME**

Fri, 31st Oct. Solas Eco Garden Centre. Bring your kids for Spooky Stories with Granny Gruesome, where our very own Fiona Melvin will be dressing up as Granny Gruesome and telling spooky (age appropriate) Irish Folklore stories to the kids. The cost is €5 which includes a kiddies meal. Fancy Dress is a must. Ages 4–8 – 1pm (gentle giggles and spooky fun) / Ages 8–12 – 2:15pm (thrilling tales with a touch of fright). Booking Essential through: <https://www.thegardenshop.ie/workshops/>

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@mountstannes.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 Dec. in the Parochial Hall, Market Sq. (R32 YK24). Tickets €10. <https://willwego.com/organiser/portarlington-musical-society>

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

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.

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**

20th Oct. 2025 – Week No. 43

Winning numbers 32,1,11,4

No jackpot winner.

€50 each to John Kelly; Joe Whelan, Francis Lawlor, David Fallon, Sharon England, Pat Carty
Promoter prize Breda Flanagan.
Next week's Jackpot €2,800

EMO – RATH PARISH**LOTTO Week No. 1997 – Date 20th Oct. 2025**

Numbers 9, 11, 17, 18 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Pat Owens c/o Shauna; Derek Keogh c/o Anne; Ursula Dunne c/o Parish Office; Poppy Behan c/o Damien; Eilish Bowe c/o Bernie Gorman
Next draw takes place on 27th October with a Jackpot of €3,000.

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER**GROUP OCTOBER SESSIONS**

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

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

JOIN THE PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

We're looking for flute players to join our friendly & talented band. Whether you're a beginner or have years of experience, all ages are welcome. Our amazing flute teacher, Kevin Fitzpatrick, brings talent & experience to help you learn & grow in a fun, supportive environment. Rehearsals Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays. Contact Pat on 083 8510428 for details.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION**October member draw winners:-**

€10,000 Kara Burbage
€2,000 each to Maureen Condron & to Orla Cobbe. €1,000 each to Sinead Dempsey & to Fiona Geoghegan. €500 each to:- Rose Marie Carroll; John Gordon; Liam Gorman; Geraldine McManus; Sheena Dunne; Ann Ryan; Mary Whelan; Zdzislaw Majchrzak; Catherine Lalor; Orla Campton; Crona Cooper; Sheila Gorman & to David & Cecelia Kenny. Congratulations to all our Prize Draw winners.