

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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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. 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 6th September 6.15pm

Christy Bryan, Patrick Street (M.M.)
Eithne Hynan, Shandra; Mary Knight, St.
Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.); John Keogh (2nd
Anniv.) Patrick St. & Florida; Peter Murphy,
Gracefield; John Murphy, Gracefield &
Portlaoise; Maisie Curtaigne, St. Mary's Tce. (4th
Anniv.); Deceased members of the Cannon
Family; Bridget Connolly, St. Michael's Park;
Deceased members of the Connolly Family;
Gary Collins; Frank Gorman, Borness;

Sun. 7th September 12.15pm

Christy Bryan, Patrick Street (M.M.)
Thomas Fingleton, Shandra (1st Anniv.)
Eileen Fingleton, Shandra (5th Anniv.)
Thomas & Margaret Fingleton, Shandra
Fintan Maher, Templogue, Dublin & Gracefield
Pete McLoughlin, Kilmalogue Downs (5th Anniv.)
James Moran, Cloneyhurke

Sat. 13th September 6.15pm

Michael Roycroft, Avondale (1st Anniv.)
Jim & Annie Keogh, Assumpta Tce.;
Joan & Ronnie Halsall

Sun. 14th September 12.15pm

Jack Kenny, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
Tom O'Shea, Arlington Est. (3rd Anniv.); Dec.
members of the O'Shea & Coyne Families;
Terry Higgins, Main Street & son, Willie Higgins;
Patrick & Dora McNamara, Bishopswood Road

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 7th September 10.30am

Darby (Patrick) Hyland, Garryvacum (2nd Anniv.)
Pat & Maura Lawlor, Ballycarroll; Jim Lawlor,
Ballycarroll; Sean Kavanagh; Kathleen
Kavanagh & Joe Kavanagh, Lough; Charlie
Geoghegan, Cushina

Sun. 14th September 10.30am

Leo & Marie Levin; Mollie Kavanagh, Lough;
Christina Keogh, Rathleash

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who
died recently:-

Michelle Carroll, Clanmalire
Marty Knight, St. Mary's Terrace
Rose (Rosie) Sheridan (nee Smyth),
Abbeylara, Longford (Sister of Florrie Cryan)
Jim Malone, U.K., formerly Blackwater,
Wexford (Brother of Susan Lynch)

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Tues. 9th Sept. Nora Kelly, St. Patrick's Tce:
Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Tce.

Wed. 10th Sept. Ciss Lawlor, Rosecourt

Thurs. 11th Sept. John & Eileen Gannon &
dec. members of the Shortall Family, Droughill

Fri. 12th Sept. James Dowling, Dublin (6th
Anniv.); Michael Heavin, Athlone (7th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sun. 7th September 11am

Bridie Hyland, Sawmill, Ballybrittas (2nd Anniv.)

Sat. 13th September 7.30pm

Martha Morrin, Coolbanagher; Tom O'Rourke,
Kennell Cross; Elizabeth Duff, Limetree; Jim
Hyland, Limetree; George Horne, Carn

Sun. 14th September 11am

Gavin Keegan, Botley Court (12th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 7th September 9am

Patrick Duffy & Peter Duffy, Ballyadden; Nan
Kinsella, Fisherstown & deceased members of
the Dunne, Walsh & Kinsella Families; Mary
Whelan, Ballyadden & deceased members of
the Whelan & Kiernan Families, Ballyadden;
Annie & Joe O'Dwyer & dec. members of the
O'Dwyer Family; Pat O'Doherty (33rd Anniv.);
Mick Flynn, Fisherstown;

CANONIZATION OF TWO SAINTS

Sun. 7th September 2025



Bl. Carlo Acutis **Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassanti**
are to be canonized today, Sunday 7th
September 2025. The canonizations of the two
young saints – one from the early 20th century,
the other the first 21st century saint – have been
greatly anticipated due to the great devotion
among the faithful.

Mass for the Canonisation will be shown on
RTE 1 Sun. 7th Sept. (today) at 10.15am also
from 8am on EWTN.

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



LITURGY CONFERENCE

'It is Good for Us to be here' Mark 9:5.

Come & join us for a day of personal enrichment
as we explore many aspects of the celebration of
Mass & liturgy in our parishes. Takes place on
20th Sept. 2025 in the Cathedral of the
Assumption & Carlow College. Starting with
registration in Carlow College from 9-9.30am,
morning www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference.
Booking is now open on kandle.ie & workshops
will fill on a first come basis.



SEASON OF CREATION

"Future generations will never forgive us if we
miss the opportunity to protect our common
home. We have inherited a garden; we must not
leave a desert for our children." This year's
Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with
Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah
32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful
habitation, in secure dwellings and in quiet
resting places." In a world of challenges &
division, marked by war & climate change, how
can we as people of faith create & work towards
peace with creation? Every one of us has a part
of play.

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

AUTUMN COLLECTION

✉ For the Priests of the Parish ✉

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the
recent collection for the Priests of the Parish.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

KILLENARD ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

The club re-opens after our summer break
on Tues. next, 9th September at 2.30pm in
Killenard Community Centre.
New members always welcome.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN YOUR FATHOLIC FAITH?

Adult Catechism Study Group meet Monday
evenings or Thursday mornings at Prosperous
Parish Centre. Contact 045 860170.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS!

Bishop Denis (on behalf of the Irish Bishops),
has launched an invitation to all Catholics to
reflect on Sunday Mass. The invitation is
contained within a short document,
'Why Sunday Matters', which explores the
significance of Sunday and our celebration of it.
'Why Sunday Matters' also offers reflection
questions for individuals and for parish groups.
You can find a copy of this document at the
Church porch or download and share it
www.catholicbishops.ie

PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB GOLF CLASSIC

Golf Classic to fundraise for solar panels for Clubhouse. 11th -14th September €120 per team. Prizes worth €3,000. Raffle Prizes on the night. Timesheet now open 0578623115

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Do you love music or simply enjoy singing? Portarlinton Community Choir is starting a new season of rehearsals and are looking for new people to join us. Meet on Tuesdays 8pm to 9.15pm commencing 16th Sept. at Portarlinton Social Services Centre, Link Road. Further details Email portcommunitychoir@gmail.com or contact 086 3319128.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY UPDATE

Spotting Fake News in Everyday Life – Media Literacy workshop for adults.

Wed 10th Sept at 11am, with journalist and broadcaster Eimear Ní Bhraonáin. The workshop will teach you how to *Stop, Think, Check and Engage* with digital media content in a safe way, while learning about the issue of disinformation and its impact on society.

Vacancy & Dereliction Advice Clinic

Looking to renovate a vacant/derelict property. Drop into our clinic & speak directly to our team about available grants, eligibility criteria & the application process. Wed 17th Sept.

Time: 10:30 -1:30 & 2:30-4pm.

Culture Night Friday 19th Sept Crafty Dreams

4-5pm .Culture Night Trail Starting Point 6pm

Puzzle Club Jigsaw morning & a cuppa each

Tues. 10:30-12:30. New member's welcome.

Knitting Club Friday morning 10:30am-12:30 .

All skill levels from beginner to advanced

Lego Free Play Saturday 10am-1pm

Social Chess Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm.

Enjoy a game of chess, a cuppa & a chat. New members always welcome

Laois Libraries Online Book Club Read one book a month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Join us on the last Wednesday of each month when questions are posed for discussion on our Book Club Facebook page. This month we are reading *The Heart in Winter* by Kevin Barry. It is available to download in audio and ebook format on Borrowbox

SENSORY @ 7PM

Portarlinton Community Centre

Tuesdays from 16th Sept. 7-8pm. Sensory movement & audio-visual activities. Consists of: Movement, SMART MOVES OT programme & dance / Playing fun games with sensory toys to recognise textures & feelings / Interactive sensory activities using different textures, colours & smells. We'll create sensory-friendly art, play dough & more / Mindfulness cooling down to help bedtime routine. Ages 8-13 years. €5. www.allabilities.ie

PORTARLINGTON'S FRENCH HERITAGE & FRENCH CULTURE – ART COMPETITION

Art Competition – Open to All Ages!

The French Connection Portarlinton Twinning Committee is delighted to host an art competition celebrating *Portarlinton's French heritage and French culture*. All ages are welcome to take part, with fantastic art prizes to be won. Entries can be dropped to Brackens Menswear, Main Street or Emailed to thefrenchconnection30@gmail.com.

Don't miss this chance to showcase your creativity and celebrate our town's unique French connection!

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Dance Workshop with Ruth. €12 per class or €40 for all 4 classes - Pre booking is essential Dates: September 10th, 17th, 24th & 1st October. 7-8pm in Parochial Hall, Portarlinton.

ART COMPETITION

The NBSCCCI (National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church) invites children & young people to participate in this competition by submitting a piece of art that depicts what 'A Safe & Welcoming Church' looks like or feels like to them. The piece may be a painting, sculpture, photograph or a written piece. Open to all under 18. Competition: Closing Sep. 30th. Categories 1-8 years / 9-12 years / 13-15 years / 16/18 years. Lots of prizes in each category. Further info. <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art0-competition-2025>

LINE DANCING CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

Portarlinton Community Centre.

Thursdays commencing 7.30pm. Further information phone John 086 8333200.

STRONGBOW ARCHERS

Archery Beginners Course commencing on Sat. 20th Sept – Running each Sat. evening for 6 weeks at Killenard Community Centre. Spaces limited. Pre-enquiry & pre-booking essential to secure a spot. strongbowarchers@gmail.com

BINGO

The Seniors Bingo resumes on Wed. 10th Sept. at the Social Services Centre, Link road. Come along for a few games & have a chat and a Cuppa after. New players always welcome.

JOIN MENO WELL 2 LAOIS

A free 6-week online programme for women in midlife & beyond. Includes live strength & mobility classes, expert-led health workshops & on-demand wellness content. Commencing 22nd September. Sign up now at edufit.ie/menowell-2-laois

This is brought to you as part of Laois County Council Health Laois Programme



Support Parents after Bereavement

Parent support evening on the 2nd Wednesday of each Month from Sept. to Dec. 7.30pm-9pm. Mullingar Park Hotel N91 A4EP. Also available online parent support evenings - Email info@anamcara.ie www.anamcara.ie 085 2888888

STRING QUARTET

The Midlands String Quartet presents *The Hits of ABBA* by Candlelight in St. Paul's Church of Ireland, French Church Street on Sat. 20th Sept. Commencing 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

Tickets available on the door.

Adults €20 / OAP €15 / Child €10

BRIDGE

Garryhinch Bridge Club resumes on Mon. 15th Sept. at 7.30pm sharp at the Garryhinch Golf Club. New Members welcome.

B # SHARP STUDIOS

Portarlinton's school of music. Register anytime. All individual lessons, 30 minutes each. Lessons in all instruments and voice. All levels and ages catered for. To book in or for more information contact:

Conor 0861639153 or Keith 0857516595.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Lessons 3-5 year olds (Little Swimmers) 5-15 Year olds (Free Swim Assessment) Little Swimmers – Level 6 – Lanes – Rookie now booking: 10 weeks €120 / 20% sibling discount. Starting 9th Sept. Phone 057 8645800.

MUM DANCE TERM STARTING

6 week term commencing Wed. 17th Sept. in Port. Community Centre from 7-8. Further details/booking: Marian on 086 8857116 or online <https://gymcatch.com/app/booking/8358>

BRIDGE

Portarlinton Bridge Club resumes on Wed. 17th Sept. at 7.30pm sharp at the Garryhinch Golf Club. New members welcome.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Jubilee Mass

3pm Sat. 27th September in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton. Celebrant Bishop Denis Nulty. Afterwards in Coláiste Iosagáin

Tour of the School / Jubilee Book Launch Opening of time Capsule.

All Welcome to attend these events.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Monster Auction Will take place on Sun. 7th Sept. Commencing 2.30pm includes farm produce, fuel, household & many other items. Music & dancing from 5.30pm with Rock on Paddy. Refreshments served. Adm. FREE. Great entertainment guaranteed.

Keep Fit Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €5 per session

Dancing Lessons With Noleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

1/9/25 – Week No. 36

Numbers 25, 29, 18, 24 – No jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

Edette Kennedy; Mary Evans; Carol & Margaret Carmody; Rob Kennedy; James Brady

Promoter prize: Marian Bryan

Next week's Jackpot €5,800



EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1990 1/9/25

Numbers 3, 6, 10, 19 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:- Mick Lyndsey c/o Deirdre; Josie Dooley c/o Parish Office; Angela

Pigott c/o Bernie Gorman; Ger Dunne c/o

Deirdre; Kathleen Murphy c/o Bernie Wheeler.

Jackpot next week €5,800.

PORTARLINGTON TAEKWON-DO

Beginners enrolment – Free trial class.

Junior classes Boys & Girls 7 to 13 years.

Mon. 1st Sept. 7pm – 7.45pm or Tues. 2nd Sept. 4.30pm – 5.15pm. Contact 086 3617001.

PORTARLINGTON HAPPY HEARTS CLUB

The club has resumed their meetings every

Thursday from 2-4pm in Portarlinton Community Centre. All welcome. Lots of activities organised.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRÍ ÉIREANN

Our Registration & 'Come & Try' evening will be held Fri. 12th Sept. 7.30-8.30pm in the Boys Old school (Coláiste Iosagáin Activity Hub), Patrick St. R32NR76. If you are interested in joining, please come along. We look forward to seeing faces old and new. Further info. contact Davin 0862260782 / Edel 083 0805012 or Email portarlintoncce@gmail.com

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP SEPTEMBER SESSIONS



Fri. 12th The Very Hungry Caterpillar 10.30-11.30am – Story time / Caterpillar craft / Snacks & Free play

Fri. 19th Zumbinis with Sandra 10.30-11.30am

Fri. 26th Sensory Play 10.30-11.30am

New members welcome. Suitable for ages 0-5 years. Themed activities / Free play.

Tea/Coffee available for adults.

Venue: Portarlinton Community Centre.

Members €2 one child / €3 per family.

Non members €4 / child.

@parenttoddlergroupport