



# 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](http://www.kandle.ie) **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
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## MASS TIMES

### St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

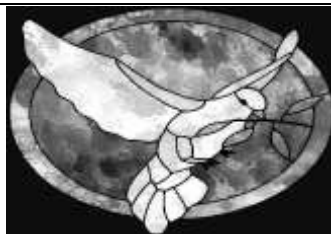
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)  
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

### 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](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

SUN. 23<sup>rd</sup> FEB. 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> February 6.15pm

Baby Ailbhe Whelan (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes;  
Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive; Dick O'Reilly, Spa  
St; Paddy Cullen, St. Michael's Park; Alice, Jack  
& Stephen Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Dec. members  
of the Byrne Family

### Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> February 12.15pm

Mary Smith, Church View; Anna & James Doyle  
& daughter Rosaleen, St. Brigid's Square

### Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> March 6.15pm

Kathleen Knight, LaBergerie & Assumpta  
Terrace (M.M.); Johnny Murphy, St. Joseph's  
Tce. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Peter Keegan, Bishopswood  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Christina McCormack, Ullard;  
Michele McNamara, Gracefield (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 12.15pm

Brendan Oakley, Arlington Estate (M.M.);  
Anne Kelly, St. Michael's Park (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Fiona Donagher, Bishopswood Rd. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.);  
Steve, Nellie & Paddy Allen & dec. members of  
the Allen & Moran Family; Noel Kenny, Station  
Rd. (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Donal O'Meara & his son  
Patrick, Annamoe; Kathleen Fitzpatrick,  
Barrowbank

## WEEKDAY

## ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

### Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> February 10am

Paddy & Mikie Doyle, Kilkeeran  
Willie & Tom Murphy

### Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> February 10am

Ellen Joyce

### Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> February 10am

Patrick & Kathleen Dunne; Ester Dunne,  
St. Michael's Park & son Patrick;  
James Dunne; Maura Breen

### Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> February 10am

Sarah & William Kelly; Nora Kelly,  
St. Patrick's Terrace

### Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> February 10am

Robert Smart, Drogheda & Avondale (B/Day  
Remembrance); Kate Mulvey, Canal Road

## ✕ DECEASED ✕

We pray for the following who died recently.

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Paddy Booth, Coolbanagher, Emo  
Lar Dowling, Bracknagh

## ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10.30am

Paul Maher, The Hermitage; Ann Mooney,  
Treascon; Eddie Kelly, Rathleash (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30am

Paddy Clarke, Tierhogar, Killenard (M.M.);  
Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll; Brigid & Richard  
Slevin, Ballycarroll

## ANNIVERSARIES EMO

### Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.30pm

Michael McKenna, The Avenue, Ballybrittas  
(formerly Shinnrone); Dan Kavanagh, The  
Commons; Jimmy & Vincent Conroy & dec.  
members of the Conroy Family, Cappakeel;  
Ciss & William Wheeler, Killimy

### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 11am

Fr. Jack Rodgers (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Mary O'Connor, Ballycullane; Jeremiah  
O'Connor, Coolaghy; Elizabeth Kelly, Grove  
Gardens, Emo Park; Margaret Sweeney & Nora  
O'Loughlin, Poole Street, Dublin; Sean & Peter  
Kelly, The Derries, Ballybrittas; Cian Hand,  
Morette

### Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm

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### Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11am

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## ANNIVERSARIES RATH

### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9am

Tim & Chris Brennan, Ballybrittas

### Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9am

Pat Coffey & dec. members of the Coffey  
& Currim's Families; Patrick & Betty Lacey  
& sons, Patrick & Martin Lacey;  
Andy Mulhare, Rath

## NOTICE

### Parish Newsletter

Please note that all Anniversary Masses for  
the weekend must be booked in with  
the Parish Office latest  
**Thursday's 12 Noon**  
in order to guarantee inclusion in the  
weekend's Parish Newsletter &  
Anniversary Altar List.



## FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. St. Gregory of Narek  
Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> March St. David

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March - Restore, Renew,  
Rekindle.

We welcome you to our next Marriage  
Enrichment weekend Friday 28th-  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Venue: Knock, Co.  
Mayo [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian  
Community through Baptism



Fiadh Rose Carroll, Ballyshanduff,  
Ballybrittas  
Jamie Conor Higgins-Friel,  
Patrick Street  
Emily Angela Terrett-Gaffney,  
Botley Court

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Canonisation of Blessed Carlos Acutis.

Escorted group Pilgrimage including  
passage through the Holy Door of St. Peter's  
Basilica, Canonisation of Carlo Acutis & day  
trip to Assisi. 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025. €1,355  
pps. Spiritual Director Fr. David Vard.  
Further details at [www.Marian.ie](http://www.Marian.ie) or phone  
01 8788159.

## PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO

### LOURDES



This year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July.  
Booking now. Seven nights in Hotel Solitude  
– Full Board. €1,195 per person sharing.  
Single room supplement €294. Limited  
number of seats – First come first served  
basis. Deposit of €200 secures a seat.  
Further information contact Marie Corcoran  
087 7589896

## USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. You  
can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone  
Street.

## CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

### Enrolment 2025 / 2026

Enrolment forms are available on the website [www.cloneyhurke.net](http://www.cloneyhurke.net) or by Email from [info@cloneyhurke.net](mailto:info@cloneyhurke.net).  
You can also phone 057 8623271.

## GRACEFIELD G.A.A. CLUB

### ACTIVITIES

#### Group Fitness

Tuesday's at 8.15pm & Friday's at 7.30pm. €10 per class (10 classes for €80). Text Conor on 085-7301534 for further details & booking.

## PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



### Social Chess

Adult chess club every Wednesday 6pm-7pm.

### Jigsaw Club

Spend a while every Tuesday morning on our communal jigsaw puzzle – Help provided.

### Portarlington Library Book Club

Meeting is on Tuesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am. We will be discussing Coast Road by Alan Murinn

### Portarlington Junior Book Club

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month Suitable for 9-12year olds. Booking essential

### Baby Book Club

Baby Book Club meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30am. For more info call 057 8643751 or email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie) or [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

### Knitting Club

Meet Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

### Sensory Toy Resource Collection

Service for parents of children with additional needs who live in the County. For more information call 057 8643751

## UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY

### Mount Henry Art Studio R32XH93

Adult Art Classes: Mon, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 10am - 12pm.

Tue, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm - 9:30pm

All Levels Welcome! Enhance your skills.

Cost €20 per class.

Bring Your Own Materials Oils/acrylics etc..

**Booking is essential Contact Mary at 087 9063363**

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

### Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 17th February 2025: 8, 17, 21, 26. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 winners: Tommy Fallon, Leah Barry, Larry Keogh. Promoter Prize: Liam Finlay. Next Draw: Monday 24th February 2025 with of Jackpot €4,700. Thanks for your support.

### Awards & Social Night

Join us at the Clubhouse for our Awards and Social Night on the 1st March, from 8pm. Music on the night by Half the Truth. Contact any committee member for further information.

### Stay Connected with O'Dempsey's

Make sure to download the "O'Dempsey's" app to stay up to date with all club news, fixtures and events, membership & club lotto. Any questions or issues you can contact Síle on 0857704463.

## PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

### DRAW RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY

#### 2025

€10,000 John O'Connor. €2,000 each to: Connor Dunne & to Niall Fleming  
€1,000 each to: Solomon Muwaniri / Jennifer Leavy. €500 to each of the following:  
Kerrie Dunne / Anne Wilson / Nicola Malone / Catherine Burbage / Philip Jaffray / Peter O'Connell / Ashling Weldon / Robert Weldon / Nicola McEvoy / Margaret O'Leary / Denise Ingham / Kevin Glendinning / Garrett Boyhan.  
Congratulations to all our Winners!

## ST. PATRICKS PARADE 2025

This year the town will have a St. Patrick's Day Parade, commencing at the Bank of Ireland, Main St., at 3pm and ending in the People's Park. Meeting point / drop off point & time 2.30pm at Crowe Lane. Theme: Snakes. Please note this year's parade is a Walking Parade Only. Calling all groups, clubs and businesses – Would you like to be a part of this parade? Showcase your creativity, celebrate your group and be part of the fun. Whether you are a school, community group, sports team or local business, we would love to have you involved. Register today to secure a spot. <https://forms.gle/5knXZGa72VSTaEoN9>. Let's make 2025 a year to remember for Portarlington.

### NOTICE

Retired Healthcare Worker looking for some part-time work in Portarlington & surrounding areas. Experienced and with References. Phone 086 1719070

### MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

An evening of 3 One Act Plays. Venue: Community Arts Centre, Mountmelick. 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. Plays include:- Hilary & Olive / The Galway Girl / The O Donoghue Sisters. Tickets available at the Door.

### THANK YOU FROM KILLENARD

#### BRIDGE CLUB

Killennard Bridge Club Committee thank everyone for their support in making their Charity Bridge Night such a success. Proceeds were in aid of the Upkeep of Killennard Cemetery. They raised €5,700 for this very worthy cause. Thanks to all the businesses who supported the Club with sponsorship and prizes for the raffle on the night. Without your generosity it would not have been possible. Sincere Thank You to all concerned.

### ST. CONLETHS LGFA

St. Conleth's LGFA are looking for people to coach or admin. in their underage section. All levels of experience welcome. Training provided and full support is readily available. Contact Clifford Ward on 087 7583241 Or Michael Luttrell 087 2626008.

### ART & CRAFT DISPLAY

You are invited to an Art and Craft display evening in the Old School, Vicarstown on Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> March. Inspired by local makers – Celebrating culture. Time: 7pm – 9pm. FREE event.

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to "Nanny Ryan knits" at Christmas-time, in memory of her grandson, Ned. €4,515 was collected and donated to Laois Hospice / Palliative care.

## PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB ANNUAL

### TRACTOR RUN

#### Sunday 2 March, 2025

Supporting Our Community  
€20 registration from 10.30am  
at Portarlington Railway Station  
for departure at 12 noon. Complimentary Refreshments and Auction immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar. Prize for best pre 1980's tractor and Prize for best modern tractor

For further details, contact Gerry 086 358 4611 / Joey 087 172 7239

### ONLY QUALIFIED DRIVERS TO TAKE PART

### PORTARLINGTON MEN'S SHED

Always seeking new members to Join.  
Venue: Old Fire Station, Foxcroft Street.  
Further details phone Val on 087 2332653.



## SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to Portarlington / Emo Parishes, please see bank details below, where you can transfer directly to the Parish Accounts.



### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlington BOFIE2D

Portarlington Parish No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14

Portarlington Parish Clergy Fund A/C

IBAN: IE59 BOFI 9018 6196 5850 57

### EMO PARISH

B.O.I., Mountmelick BOFIE2D

Emo Church No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54

Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account

IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

# Lotto.

## EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1967 – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025

Numbers 4, 11, 14, 19 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to:- Tony Carroll C/o B. Wheeler / Pat Langford C/o D. Lawlor / Bernie Fenlon C/o D. Lawlor / Vera & Niall C/o Vera / Jim Bastick C/o S. Strong  
Next draw takes place 24/2/2025.  
Jackpot €3,000

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Week No. 8 – 17/2/2025

Numbers 11, 13, 21, 17 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Tommy & Jacinta Byrne / Kathleen Greene / Conor Bryan / Paul Cooper / Mary Garry. Promoter prize: Anthony Earley. Next week's Jackpot €3,000

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

#### CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Keep Fit: Wed. & Fri. nights 7-8pm with Eimear. €5 per session.

Dancing Lessons: With Noeleen.

Thurs. 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

### EXERCISE FOR HEALTH

Exercise for your health at Portarlington Community Centre on Mondays and Thursdays 9.15am to 10am. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome. Cost €5 per class (pay as you go).

### MARY'S MEALS



Mary's Meals (Registered Charity 20061920 CHY16897) feeds more than 2.4 million children in 18 countries. The average cost to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year is just €22. Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend.

### ARLINGTON A.F.C.

Your local Soccer Club, Arlington A.F.C., is looking for players born in 2017. If interested, please contact Phil on 086 8100657.

### COMMUNITY GAMES

Actively looking for new committee members to help with the Cairn Community Games and Laois Community Games. We have team managers for swimming, basketball and athletics but have no chairperson, treasure or secretary to form a committee to officially affiliate. Please get in touch if you can help – 1 hour/month (subject to Garda vetting and safe guarding level 1. Contact Antje Portarlington@communitygames.eu or 0861046388.