

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Mon. – Fri.)
 6.15pm (Vigil – Saturday),
 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

St. John's Church, Killenard

10.30am Sunday



MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),
 11am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



Sunday 11th December, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 12th Dec. 10am Michael Hanlon, Assumpta Tce. (3rd Anniv.)
Tues. 13th 10am Thomas Kennedy, St. Michael's Park
Wed. 14th 10am ---
Thurs. 15th 10am Christy Kennedy, Lucan; Paddy Young, Bracklone Street
Fri. 16th 10am Mick & Kathy Brennan; Ted. Lawlor, Foxcroft Street

Saturday 10th December – 6.15pm

Eileen Hurley, Cloneyquinn (M.M.)
 Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; Redmond Hanlon, Gracefield; Frances O'Sullivan (nee Hanlon), Australia & formerly Gracefield; Eamonn Mullen, Bracklone St. (11th Anniv.); Liam & Bernadette Maloney, St. Brigid's Sq. & Dec. members of the Maloney Family, St. Michael's Park; Callum Evans, Droughill (13th Anniv.); Mick & Mollie Dunne, Cloneyquinn; Kathleen & James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce; Terence & Margaret Connolly & son Terry Connolly, Doolagh; Martin & Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, daughter Bridie & Son Tom, Nerney

Sunday 11th December – 12.15pm

Maureen & Pat Gorman, Church View; Eugene & Mary Boland, Main Street Paddy Confrey; Dec. members of the Dowling Family, St. Michael's Park; Jim & Josie Flanagan, Gracefield; Eileen Dickenson; Dec. members of the Murphy Family, Kilmalogue Cross; Margaret O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Margaret Mann-O'Neill, Michael Gibson, St. Michael's Park

Saturday 17th December – 6.15pm

Jo Jo McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce; Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Una Kelly, Marian Hill; Michael Murphy, Annamoe; Colette O'Callaghan, Deerpark; Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Tce. (8th Anniv.); Michael & Mary Greene, Sons Paul & Charles Greene, Barrow Bank

Sunday 18th December – 12.15am

Siobhan Meade, St. Mary's Tce. (M.M.)
 Josephine, James, Patricia & Vincent Nolan, Walsh Island; Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua; Margaret Lawlor, Garryhinch (25th Anniv.); Michael & Liam Lawlor, Garryhinch; Liz Hyland, Pine Villa; Margaret Weldon, St. Patrick's Avenue

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 11th December – 10.30am

William (Billy) O'Leary, Killenure (M.M.)
 Mary Flanagan, Killenard; Martin Terrett, Derrymore; Christopher Carroll Jnr., 7th Anniv; Kathleen & Christopher Carroll Snr.

Sunday 18th December – 10.30am

Gloria Mulhall, Woodenbridge (2nd Anniv.)
 James & Sarah Carroll & daughters Vera, May & Eileen

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 10th December – 7.30pm

Josephine Greene, Killimy Road (M.M.)
 Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas; Daniel Keane, Rath; Mary Commins, New Inn, Emo; Robert Pigott, Woodbrook; Joe & Una Mulhall, Cappakeel, Siobhan London,

Sunday 11th December – 11am

Patrick (Patsy) Mangan, Caron (4th Anniv.)
 Alice & Myles Christie, Monasterevin
 Annie & Laurence Ryan, Bellgrove

Saturday 17th December – 7.30pm

Philip Carney, Killimy; Darren Langford, Christina Maher (25th Anniv.) & dec. members of the Langford and Travers families; Willie Gleeson; Norah Scully; Bridie Kavanagh, The Commins, Edward & Josephine Dunne, Clonamone, Frank Behan, Betty Carolan,
Sunday 18th December – 11am
 Brigid Carroll, New Inn, Kevin Eustace, Kildare, Kieran Dooley & Josephine Greene & all deceased members of the Emo Tidy Towns (On behalf of Emo Tidy Towns)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 11th December – 9am

Michael & Brigid Chambers, Ballybrittas

Sunday 18th December – 9am

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR :-

John Murphy, London
 12 Noon Requiem Mass on Wed. 14th Dec. with burial after in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Patrick Lawlor, Kildare, (Son of Kit & the late Noel Lawlor, Bracklone Street)

Claire O'Byrne, Station Road

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

EMO PARISH

Hugh Seamus McCusker, Pine Villa

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Mon. 19th December

St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick - 7.30pm

Tues. 20th December

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington - 7.30pm

Wed. 21st December

Sacred Heart Church, Rath - 7.30pm
 St. Paul's Church, Emo - 8.15pm

Vocations – Third Sunday of Advent

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

LECTORS - NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington

Sat. 17th Dec. 6.15pm Katie Dunne / Sun. 18th Dec. 9am Dan Fingleton / 12.15pm Sinead Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 18th Dec. 10.30am Johnny Carey

Emo

Sat. 17th Dec. Paul Donnelly
 Sun. 18th Dec. Tara Hanneff

Rath

Sun. 18th Dec. 9am Marie O'Loughlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This weekend - Team D

Sat. 10th Dec. 6.15pm F. O'Dwyer / F. O'Donnell / C. Reid / J. Shaw
 Sun. 11th 9am M. Scully / R. Doyle / M. Whelehan / T. Harbelin

12.15pm A. Slattery-Gahan / F. O'Reilly / M. Luttrell / E. McLoughlin

Next weekend – Team A

Sat. 17th Dec. 6.15pm J. Williams / G. Cullen / M. Brady / M. Larkin Carey Sun. 18th Dec. 9am J. Tinkler / B. Lawlor / P. Butler / F. Cryan / 12.15pm S. Dunne / B. McElwaine / M. Corcoran / C. Kinsella

KILLENARD

This weekend – Team E

U. Dunne / D. Slevin / E. Bracken

Next weekend – Team A

S. Dunne / J. Carey / G. Rafter

ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing, offering us many rich symbols for our Prayer Space. We can use this time to make spiritual preparation for Christmas. The ritual of lighting candles on the Advent Wreath helps us to do this. The pink candle, symbolizing joy, is lit on Gaudete Sunday. It reminds us that Christmas is very near and the candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each Sunday of Advent from 3pm – 5pm.

REACH OUT 2016

On the Third Sunday of Advent parishes in Kildare & Leighlin are once more Reaching Out locally with a Christmas card and an accompanying Prayer for Peace. But the parish gift this year is a financial donation made in the name of the people of our diocese to Trocaire who act on behalf of Caritas International in Ireland. Trocaire will divert this donation towards Caritas Syria and their work in specific projects for the people of Syria.

AUGMENTED PARISH CHOIR

For Christmas Eve Carol Service, sung Midnight Mass and Charity Concert. Practice will take place Tues. next, 13th Dec. at 7.30pm (sharp) in the Choir loft of St. Michael's Church. All welcome. Fáilte, Witamy. Kuwakaribisha. Excellent standard so far!

ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR **Christmas Carol Service**



Sunday 18th December 2016
in St. Michael's Church Portarlinton
Commencing at 5pm

Come along with your family & friends to enjoy traditional Carols along with some festive cheer. Treats for all the children & for the grown-up's who join in!

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

The 4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza will take place once more in the Heritage Hotel Killenard on Sun. 18th Dec. at 8pm. Tickets can be bought from Julia Leavy, Ann (Bourke) Dunne, Margaret Guijt Lawlor & Lillie Shiels. Also call to the Love Port office in the Community Centre. Tickets €10. Proceeds this year to the Portarlinton Lourdes Invalid Fund & the Portarlinton Community Development Association ongoing Projects. A great night assured as usual.

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

Portarlinton area / 5 days per week from January 2017. To look after 3 year old & a 7 month old. Kind, reliable, non-smoker with experience required. The 3 year old attends playschool 12.30-3.30pm during term time 5 days per week which is a 3 minute walk, so a car is not essential if living locally. Please contact 086-6030091.

FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATION

Tues. 13th Dec. - Floral Art Demonstration. "A Time of Wonder" with Christine Hughes AOIFA. Venue: Solas Bhride Centre, Tully Road, Kildare Town. Time: 8pm - 9.30pm. Cost: €10 (incl. Tea/coffee).

HAWK'S REUNION



Kestrels Basketball Club are celebrating the Hawk's 1968 - 1986 on Sat. 17th December 2016. If you played with the Hawks between 1968 - 1986 please contact Liz on 085-8086190 for further information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Michael's Conference, Portarlinton
Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our recent Annual Church Gate Collection. Your support and generosity was much appreciated. We take this opportunity to wish everybody a peaceful and happy New Year.

ENROLMENT

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Applications forms for year 2017 now available from the school office. Closing date for application is Fri. 27th January 2017.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2016

The Emigrant Newsletter is on sale in the following shops. Centra, Kilmalogue, Spar Express, Station Rd., Burbage's Supermarket, Fletchers, Central Stores, Slevins, Bracklone St. & the Post Office, Portarlinton. It is also available from the Parish Office - €3.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH ENVELOPES



The envelope boxes will be available at the Church porches next weekend. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. To register write your name & address on 1st envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Thank all who contributed during the past year.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS **2016**

For 2016 any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2016, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish at all times.



CHEQUES



Due to Bank requirements, all cheques made payable to the Parish should have the correct Account name.

Portarlinton Parish:

Portarlinton Parish Number 1 Account

Emo Parish:

Emo Parish Number 1 Account

Priests Collections

Portarlinton: *Portarlinton Clergy Fund*

Emo: *Emo Clergy Fund*

Individual Priests names should not be written on the cheques.

LIVE TURKEY AUCTION



Coláiste Íosagáin (as part of their Transition Year initiative), have set up a Mini Company with the assistance of Mr. Mitchell. They are rearing 22 turkeys & bought a heifer, which is due to calve in March. They have been issued shares to purchase these & buy feed for them & operate a feeding rota, which gives everyone a chance to work with the animals / birds. This is a real-life Mini-Company and they are enjoying the experience. As part of this, students have organised a live auction in Coláiste Íosagáin canteen for the free-range, oven ready turkeys, on Thurs. 15th December at 6.30pm. Mr. Noel Dunne from the Farmer's Journal will run the auction on the evening. Some of the profits from this initiative will be donated to St. Michael's Conference of St.

Vincent de Paul, Portarlinton and the Portarlinton Christmas Street Lights. Please come along and support our Turkey Auction by bidding for a free-range, oven ready turkey and help us raise funds for two great local organizations. Queries contact Mr. Mitchell on 0861639153.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA LOTTO RESULTS

28/11/2016 Lotto Results. Numbers 01,02,08,14. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €13,800. Thank you for your continued support.

PORTARLINGTON C. E. PROJECT LIMITED

Social Services Assistant - Ref. No. CES-2024316 - Closing Date 16th December 2016. Category - Cook / Location: Portarlinton, Co. Laois. / Temporary 19.5 hours per week. Please contact your local DSP Employment Services / Intreo Office to check eligibility and to apply for this vacancy.



YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Youth 2000 Ireland will be holding their annual Christmas youth retreat in Newbridge College from Fri. 16th - Sun. 18th Dec. 2016. Over 600 young people aged 16-35 years are expected to attend this donation only event & all newcomers welcome. Book online & bring a sleeping bag if you wish to avail of on-site accommodation. Reg. on the Friday evening. Free buses also available. Further info. www.Youth2000.ie & see us on Facebook.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S / FAMILY MASS



A Children's / Family Mass will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton at 6pm on Christmas Eve this year. If there are any children in the Parish who would like to take part in a nativity play during the Mass please contact Sinead Dunne on 087-9062942.

EMO PARISH LOTTO 5/12/2016

Winning numbers 8, 10, 12, 16 - No jackpot winner. €25 to Georgina Donohue C/o The GAA; John & Vera Donoghue C/o Hilary; Shauna Dooley, Balingglass; Andy Murphy C/o Vera; Mary Bastick C/o Hilary
Next week's jackpot €2,600

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Christmas cards and 2017 Calendars now on sale in the Parish Office. Calendars €5 each / Two Packs of cards €6. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS



A group of people from Portarlinton are aiming to provide assistance to the homeless. Volunteers are needed to help cook dinners. Produce is supplied from businesses. Non-monetary donations very welcome, such as:- Soap, toothpaste toothbrush sleeping bags duvets, coats, food or, indeed, anything you can donate to help is appreciated. Contact Tony Morrell on 086 3439126 or call to No.40 Bracklone Street or No. 3 St. Brigid's Square.

O'DEMPSEYS LOTTO 5/12/1616

Numbers were: 08,16,17,27. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner: Tadhg Bryan. Promoter - Vincent Hogan. Next week's Jackpot: €14,000. Thank you for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS



Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am to 10pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, you're feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained mature people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

CARE SKILLS

Family Carers Ireland are providing the mandatory QQI Level 5 Care Skills module in Tullamore on the 15/12/2016 one day a week for five weeks and patient moving and handling training on the 26th of January 2017. For more information contact 05793 22920.