

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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 15TH DECEMBER, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR 'A'

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 16th Dec. 10am Christy & Pat Kennedy, Lucan, Dublin
 Tues. 17th Dec. 10am James Dowling, Raheny
 Wed. 18th Dec. 10am John Lynch, Kilbride (2nd Anniv.) & Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (B/Day)
 Thurs. 19th Dec. 10am Margaret & Joseph Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy Family, Ballycullane
 Fri. 20th Dec. 10am Kathy & Mick Brennan; Ted Lawlor, Foxcroft Street

Saturday 14th December – 6.15pm

Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Terrace
 Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Callum Evans, Droughill; Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Eamon Mullen, Bracklone St.; James Colgan, Clondoolusk & dec. members of the Colgan Family, Bishopswood; P. Beacon (B/Day Rem.)

Sunday 15th December – 12.15pm

Marie McNelis, Pine Villa (1st Anniv.)
 Cyril O'Brien, The Hawthorne (1st Anniv.)
 Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square
 Paddy Young, Bracklone St; Liz Hyland, Pine Villa; Josephine & James Nolan & dec. members of the Nolan Family, Walsh Island; Maureen & Pat Gorman, Church View; Jimmy Murphy, Beach Road, Bray (3rd Anniv.)
 Maudie Walsh, Stasia Walsh, Sean Walsh, Kathleen Banks (nee Walsh); Bridie Milner (1st Anniv.), Catherine Milner

Saturday 21st December – 6.15pm

Eileen Nolan, Congress Tce. (2nd Anniv.); Jack Boylan, Spa St. (3rd Anniv.); Brigid Denton, Kilmalogue Garden (3rd Anniv.); Michael Murphy Snr. & Esther Murphy, Annamoe; Michael Murphy Jnr., Annamoe; Una Kelly, Marian Hill; Colette O'Callaghan, Deerpark, Ballymorris

Sunday 22nd December – 12.15pm

May Duffy, Cushina (1st Anniv.); Margaret Weldon, Patrick's Ave., Danny, Ellen & James Malone & dec. members of the Malone Family, Gracefield; Margaret, Michael & Liam Lawlor, Garryhinch

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 15th December – 10.30am

Michael Whelehan, Ballycarroll (M.M.)
 Patrick Flanagan, Killenard (1st Anniv.)
 & Mary Flanagan, Killenard, Christy Carroll (Jnr.) & deceased members of the Carroll family

Sunday 22nd December – 10.30am

Una O'Leary, Killenure; Caroline McGrath, Bray

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

New members very welcome to Join St. Michael's Christmas Choir. Rehearsals in St. Michael's Church as follows:
Tues. 17th Dec. after Penitential Service / Thurs. 19th Dec. 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 14th December – 7.30pm

Philip Carney, Killimy; Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas
 Christy Carroll, Ballybrittas; Jim McEvoy, Coolaghy (2nd Anniv.) & deceased members of the McEvoy Family
 Laurence Kehoe, Coolbanagher

Sunday 15th December – 11am

Bridie Delaney, Killeen (1st Anniv.)
 Deceased members of Emo G.A.A. Club
 Kevin Eustace, Kildare

Saturday 21st December – 7.30pm

Bridie Carroll, New Inn; Darren Langford, Caron & dec. members of the Langford & Travers Family; Willie Gleeson; Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons

Sunday 22nd December – 11am

Michael Keegan, Botley Court & his Son, Gavin Keegan

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 15th December – 9am

Eamon, Anne & David Mullen; Syl & Elizabeth Mullen; Paddy & Cora O'Dwyer
 Alice & Myles Christie, Monasterevin;
 Larry & Nancy Ryan, Belgrove
 Tom Ryan (Christmas Remembrance)

DECEASED

Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-



Paul Kehoe, Portlaoise & formerly Ballycarroll.
 Mary Stagg (nee Malone), Dublin & formerly Coolbanagher, Emo.
 Ann Reed (nee Hewitt), formerly Stradbally died in UK (Mother of David Reed, St. Michael's Park)
 Richard Booth, Killeen, Mountmellick
 Kathleen Horrigan (nee Kelly), Late of Avondale, Portarlington
 Patrick (Rory) Bland, Late of Rath House, Ballybrittas
 Bridget Dooley, Baltinglass (Mother of Fr. Tom Dooley PP)

BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism
PORTARLINGTON PARISH
 Nathan Patrick Bairstow, London, U.K.
 Chloe Ellen Ferguson, Mount Henry Drive
 Cora Rose Martina O'Kane-Thompson, Kilmullen

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Collection for the support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses on Christmas Day. Envelope available in your development boxes or at the Church Porch.

LECTORS (READERS)

Sat. 21st / Sun. 22nd December 2019

Portarlington: Sat. 6.15pm Frank Smith / Sun. 9am John Prior/12.15pm Noel Brennan
 Killenard: Sun. 10.30am John O'Byrne
 Emo: Sat. 7.30 Kieran McEvoy
 Sun. 11am Mark Bastow
 Rath: Sun. 9am Michael Murphy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington

This weekend 14/15 Dec. Team B
 Next weekend 21/22 Dec. Team C
 Killenard

This weekend 15th Dec. New Team B
 Gretta Rafter / Elena O Hora & Imelda Sweeney

Next weekend 22nd Dec. New Team C
 Niall Briody / Eamonn Bracken / Dymprna Campbell

Separate Rota for Christmas

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2019

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION (PENITENTIAL SERVICE)

Tues. 17th December
 Sacred Heart Church, Rath 7.30pm
 Tues. 17th December
 St. Paul's Church, Emo 8.15pm
 Wed. 18th December
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 7.30pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Sat. 14th & 21st December St. Michael's Church, Portarlington after evening Mass.
 Sat. 21st December St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 11am-12.30pm.
 Sat. 14th & 21st December St. Paul's Church, Emo after evening Mass.
 Christmas Eve: St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 7.30pm-8.30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tues. 24th, December
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington, 6pm (Children's Mass)
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
 Carol Service 8-9pm – Mass 9pm
 St. John's Church, Killenard 7.30pm
 St. Paul's Church, Emo 9pm
 Sacred Heart Church, Rath 7pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wed. 25th December
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 9am & 12.15pm
 St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am
 St. Paul's Church, Emo 11am
 Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am
ST STEPHEN'S DAY
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 10am



KILDARE & LEIGHLIN

Reach Out Card and Parish Gift



The gift this year is a trolley fob keyring with the message 'SHARE WITH THE HUNGRY' – as people do their shopping for Christmas, we are asking them to actively remember the poor & support especially this Advent, the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Throughout the year as people shop they are encouraged to continue supporting initiatives for the cause. The K & L Reach Out Card and Parish Gift is available after Mass to all Parishioners. Please take a card and bring one for someone not at church as a tangible reach out to others.

GOAL MILE CHRISTMAS MORNING

Create a family memory attend the **GOAL mile**. 11am (start) to 11.30am (end) Christmas Day at Portarlington GAA CLUB – Run, Walk or Jog. No registration required. Just turn up!

NATIVITY PLAY

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

A little Nativity Play will take place during the 6pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve in Portarlington. If there are any children aged between 6 & 12 years who would like to take part in the play, contact Sinead Dunne on 087-9062942 / email sineadvdunne@gmail.com. The requirement will be to attend 2 to 3 rehearsals between now and then.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Christmas Appeal

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Church Gate Collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause. Thanks also to all our collectors. Helpline Number 087-7640557.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto Results 29th Dec. 2019

Numbers: 16, 18, 19, 20 – No Jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:-
Mick Behan C/o Mick; John Molloy C/o Rath Cards; Niall Wheeler C/o Emo Shop; Billy Maree C/o Emo Shop; Sam & Vera C/o Vera
Next week's Jackpot €4,800

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

We invite all young people (16+) to come and experience this 4 day special event. Speakers: Shibu Kurian / Ainish Philip / Jose Kuriakose (AFCYM) / Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo (Apostolic Nuncio) / Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan (Diocese of Waterford & Lismore); Bishop Stephen Chirappanth (Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Europe) and several others. Dec. 27-30. 2pm – 4pm at Clongowes Wood College, Castlebrown, Clane, Co. Kildare. W19 DN40. Register www.afcmeteamireland.org

PORTARLINGTON PARISH OFFICE

Christmas Mass Bouquets available

Donation €3. Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlington / Emo Parishes over Christmas.

Guide Dogs for the Blind: Christmas cards & 2020 Calendars now on sale. Calendars €5 each. Packet of 8 cards €6 / Two Packs of cards €10. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Do this in Memory – Week 2



This weekend we welcome all First Eucharist children and their families to the Mass celebrations. It is the second weekend of our Parish Preparation Programme "Do this in Memory" preparing the children for the Sacrament of First Eucharist in 2020.

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Laois Alzheimer's are offering a week's respite care to people who have a dementia diagnosis in Waterman's Lodge Care Centre, Ballina / Killaloe. Their specialist overnight respite centre offers stimulation and activity to the person with dementia in a safe, friendly environment and respite from caring for the caregiver. **You do not have to be availing of homecare services to apply.** Places are limited so get in touch with us. Further info. on dementia contact Ann Munnely on 057-8663398/086-8372168 Home-care Coordinator amunnely@alzheimer.ie

RATHDAIRE CHURCH

Concert: Fri. 20th December commencing 7.30pm. Choir In Cantorum – Fundraiser for Portarlington / Monasterevin Union of Parishes. Tickets €12.50 available from Ellen O'Connor (057 8626282) or at the door on the night.
Ecumenical Carol Service: Sun. 22nd December at 7pm in Rathdaire Church. All welcome.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 22nd – 29th July 2020. Cost €645. Direct Flight To Mostar reduces journey by three hours. Booking after 1st Feb. 2020 cost €695. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305 further info. & for booking.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches this 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.

SMART PHONE INFORMATION HOUR & CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Come along to Portarlington Library on Thursday 19th December from 10.30-11.30pm to hear more about a free smart phone course in your area. Third Age Ireland deliver this course and a trainer will be on hand to explain what the free course will entail. Past participants of the course are invited along to enjoy a social gathering, a cup of tea and a mince pie! Christmas hats & jumpers most welcome! For more information contact Louise on 087 7794318.

O'DEMPSEY'S LOTTO

Lotto Results 09/12/2019

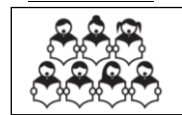
Numbers were: 03,07,19,21. Jackpot winner Denise & Seamus Sharp. Match 3 winners were Barry Finlay, Adrian & Frankie Slevin, Catherine O Keeffe, Margaret Langford, Jimmy O'Leary, Margaret Dempsey, Liam Nolan, Jack Donnelly, Patsy Murphy. Promoter - Vincent Hogan. Next week's Jackpot: €1,600. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

BINGO – OAKDALE NURSING HOME

BINGO at Oakdale Nursing Home every Tuesday at 3pm sharp. All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS

CAROLLERS



Annual Christmas Concert

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

A Christmas Concert will be held in St. Michael's Church Portarlington on Sun. 22nd Dec. at 4pm. Enjoy a selection of Christmas Carols and Seasonal Songs. Featuring a large combined choir from Clonaslee, Portarlington and Clonaghaddo. Admission Free. All are welcome.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Millions of innocent people are born into war. This Christmas your donation will bring them hope and your support will help build a more just world and change lives for the better. Visit the Trocaire website to find out more. www.trocaire.org to find out more.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

The **Christmas Club** will be paid out until Monday 23rd December, 2019. BIC and IBAN numbers needed to transfer funds. The next Cash Draw will take place on Sat. next, 14th December, 2019.

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD CHARITY BALL

Big plans are underway for this year's great glitzy and glamour night – Friday 28th February 2020 at the Heritage Hotel in Killenard. The charity this year will be The Laois / Offaly Palliative Care. Please support these wonderful nurses and the great work they do. You can book your ticket or a table of friends from: Marie 087 7589896 / Colette 086 2654277 Maria 086 3058181 or call to Saoirse Care Shop (beside Burbage's Supermarket), Portarlington. What a lovely Christmas Gift to give someone!

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Christmas Events

Parent & Child Craft Table

Fri. 20th Dec. from 3.30pm for all ages.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2019

This year's Emigrant Newsletter is available and on sale in local shops. Over 100 pages of news, views, history and folklore. Great value and still only €4. On sale in: The Parish Office: Centra, Kilmalogue; Spar Express, Station Road; Burbages, Main Street; The Post Office; Fletcher's Newsagents, Main Street; Slevins, Bracklone Street & Central Stores, Main Street.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Emo Active Retirement had a very enjoyable trip to Athlone for their Christmas Party. The next meeting will take place on 7th Jan. 2020. Members please note Regina Foot Care will visit on Tues. next, 17th Dec. 2019 from 1.20 pm. We wish everyone a very holy and happy Christmas with best wishes for 2020.

AN ADVENT RETREAT

Mountmellick Parish Advent Retreat concludes on Wed. next, 18th of Dec. (7.30-8.15pm) in St. Joseph's Parish Church. A guest speaker will share their insights and thoughts and help us consider what the deeper meaning of Christmas is. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends.