



# 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 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Year B

### ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am** Christy Kennedy  
 Lucan,  
**Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am** Deceased Residents of  
 Patrick St,  
**Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am** Margaret, Joseph &  
 Denis Murphy, Ballycullane,  
**Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 10am** -----  
**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 10am** Bernie Nolan,  
 St. Joseph's Tce

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 6.15pm

Nell Doherty (nee Leavy), St. Michael's Pk. (1<sup>st</sup>  
 Anniv.); Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Peter  
 (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; William &  
 Bernadette Moloney, St. Brigid's Sq.; Dec.  
 members of the Moloney Family, St. Michael's  
 Pk; Jim Colgan & dec. members of the Colgan  
 Family, Bishopswood, Bernie Nolan, St.  
 Joseph's Tce,

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 12.15pm

James, Josephine, Patricia & Vincent Nolan,  
 Walsh Island; Mary & Eugene Boland, Main St;  
 Robert McLaughlin; Leonard McEvoy; Sarah &  
 William McEvoy; Dec. members of the McEvoy  
 Family, Gracefield; Liz Hyland, Pine Villa;  
 Margaret Weldon, St. Patrick's Avenue;  
 Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. Jim & Josie  
 Flanagan, Gracefield, Eileen Dickenson,  
 Callum Evans, Droughill, Maureen & Pat  
 Gorman, Church View,

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6.15pm

Michael Murphy, (jnr.) Annamoe, Esther &  
 Michael Murphy, Una Kelly, Marian Hill, Jo Jo  
 McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce, Michael & Mary  
 Greene, Sons Charlie & Paul, Barrowbank,  
 Colette O'Callaghan, Deerpark,

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 12.15pm

Jack Boylan, Spa St, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
 Bridie Denton, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
 Margaret, Michael & Liam Lawlor, Paddy &  
 Maryann Murray, Cushina, Sons Paddy (jnr.)  
 Mike, Dan O'Donoghue, Cork,

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am

Peter & Frances O'Reilly, Ballybrittas

### REACH OUT 2017

On this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent we continue  
 the practice and tradition in our parishes since  
 2004 of sharing a Reach out card and gift.  
 Reach Out this year links into the World  
 Meeting of Families which will take place in  
 August 2018. An additional gift with this year's  
 Reach Out is an image of the WMOF 2018  
 icon with the WMOF 2018 prayer on the back.

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm

Philip Carney, Killimy; Brigid Carroll, New Inn;  
 Deceased members of the Langford & Travers  
 Families; Willie Gleeson, Edward Dunne, (15<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniv) & Josephine Dunne, Clonamone,  
 Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas, Darren Langford,  
 Carn, Christina Walsh, Bridie Kavanagh, The  
 Commons, Laurence Kehoe, Coolbanagher,

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 11am

Kevin Eustace, Kildare,  
 Deceased member of Emo G.A.A. Club

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11am

Michael Keegan, Cappakeel, & Botley Court,

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9am

Michael & Bridget Chambers, their Son  
 Michael Chambers, Ballymorris & deceased  
 members of the Chambers family, Pat Behan,  
 Courtwood,

### DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died  
 recently:

*Jim McEvoy, Coolaghy*  
*Patricia (Dubbie) Cunningham, Station Road*  
*Jim Fahy, Arlington Estate*

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community  
 through Baptism:-  
**PORTARLINGTON PARISH**  
*Jacob Leo Deffew-McKeever, Railway Mews,*

### ADORATION - PORTARLINGTON

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every  
 Tues. from 10.30am to 7pm in St. Michael's  
 Church.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each  
 Sunday of Advent after the 12.15pm Mass  
 until 2pm.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION



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.

### CHOIR PRACTICE - EMO

Choir Practice will take place each Wednesday  
 evening in St. Paul's Church, Emo. All  
 welcome.

### LECTORS – 23<sup>RD</sup> / 24<sup>TH</sup> / 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Please note there is a separate rota for  
 Christmas Masses

**PORTARLINGTON:** Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 6.15pm  
 Anita Donohoe / Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am Dan Fingleton /  
 12.15pm Ciaran Dunne

**KILLENARD:** Separate Rota for Christmas  
 Weekend.

**EMO:** 7.30pm (Sat.) Kieran McEvoy / 11am  
 (Sun.) Grace Hanneffy

**RATH:** Sun. 9am Eoin O'Connell

### EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

Please note there is a separate rota for  
 Christmas Masses

### CHURCH CHOIR - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Rehearsals for Christmas  
 Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December in St.  
 Michael's Church 7.30pm. All welcome.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENITENTIAL SERVICE)

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec St. Joseph's Mountmellick,  
 7.30pm  
 Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. St. Michael's Church 7.30pm  
 Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sacred Heart Church Rath  
 7.30pm  
 Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. St. Paul's Church Emo 8.15pm

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. St. Michael's Church after  
 evening Mass.  
 Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. St. Paul's Church Emo  
 after evening Mass.  
 Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. St. Michael's Church 11am –  
 12.30pm  
 Christmas Eve St. Michael's Church 7.30-  
 8.30pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Weekend Masses as usual  
**St. Michael's Church, Portarlington**  
 6pm (Children's Mass) & 9pm  
 (Carol Service 8-9pm)  
**St. John's Church, Killenard** 7.30pm  
**St. Paul's Church, Emo** 9pm  
**Sacred Heart Church, Rath** 7.30pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

**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

**KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN  
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018**



Led by Bishop Denis Nulty. Leaving on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 for 5 nights. €739 per person sharing. Register your interest by contacting Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410802 or email [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**CHILDMINDER WANTED**

Seeking reliable person to collect two children from Emo National School and bring to children's home. Initial six months is Mon. – Fri. & then three days per week. Hours 1.30 to 5.30 daily. Please call Sarah on 087-6655614.

**PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN**

Would you be interested in helping out distributing leaflets for the Pro Life Campaign. Phone 087-6832674 or E-mail [aillsh29@gmail.com](mailto:aillsh29@gmail.com)

**OLD SCHOOLHOUSE  
PLAYSCHOOL**

The Old Schoolhouse Playschool are currently taking applications for September 2018 & September 2019, for application form contact Colette on 085 8225481 or Email [theoldschoolhouseplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:theoldschoolhouseplayschool@gmail.com)

**O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.**

**Lotto Results 11/12/2017.**

Numbers were: 03,05,06,14. No Jackpot winner or match 3 winner this week. Promoter - Eddie Slevin. Next week's Jackpot: €3,800.

**Club Calendar for 2018** are now on sale for €5!!! Calendar's will be on sale at the Lotto draw each Monday night from 9pm or by contacting Barry 087-7707511 or Paul 087-6615586. Make sure you get your limited edition calendar quickly.

**CHILDMINDER WANTED**

Childminder required in Vicarstown/Ballybrittas area two mornings a week. Contact 087 7908048.

**ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO**

**12<sup>th</sup> December**

Letters V, X, R, O, – No winner. €25 to Michael Dempsey & Mary Dunne. Sellers prize Alan Dunne. Next Jackpot €8,100. Draw will take place in the Barrow Lodge on 28<sup>th</sup> December.

**COLAISTE IOSAGAIN**

Would like to take this opportunity to invite Incoming First Years to our **Open Night** in Coláiste Íosagáin. The evening will commence at 8 p.m. on Thursday 11th January, 2018. Speakers on the night will outline the induction procedures, the care processes in the school and the extensive range of subjects on offer. You will be offered an application form to enrol your son/daughter.

We will be only too happy to answer any questions or queries that you may have. Refreshments will be served on the night.

**MONASTEREVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Grand opening Dance on St. Stephen's night (Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Dec) Complimentary Tea/Coffee/Sweets/Buns and Cakes on arrival. Music by Checkers (one of Irelands leading country and western bands) lots of raffle prizes including a large Christmas Hamper. Adm is €10 and dancing from 9.30pm to 12 midnight.

**PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS  
CAROLLERS**



**Christmas Concert**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December (today)**

In St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton commencing at 4pm. Come along with your family & friends to enjoy traditional carols along with some festive cheer. Treats for all the children & for the grown-ups who join in! **NO ADMISSION CHARGE – FREE TO ALL!**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Thank all who contributed during the past year.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2017**

For 2017 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.

**“OPORTO”**

**War in West Africa – A Memoir by Noel  
Bradshaw cfc**

“Oporto” is the story of Bro. Noel Bradshaw, a Christian Brother who was born in Lea, Portarlinton, during the desperate time of the Civil War in Sierra Leone. Bro. Noel stayed and supported medical teams in providing assistance to friend and foe alike. Despite the sad story of the tragedy of this most violent war, the book presents the kindness, courage & love of many of the ordinary people of Sierra Leone.

Available in the Parish Office or phone 087-2590369.

**ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB**

**CLONEYHURKE**

Results of the 2017 Christmas Draw  
1st prize of €200 Brian Walsh, Cloneyhurke  
2nd prize of €100 Breda Bolton, Cloneyhurke  
3rd prize of €50 Bottle of Whiskey Ken Furlong. The committee of St. Brigid's Social Club wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and good health and happiness in the new year.

**EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO**

**11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Numbers 1, 4, 13, 15 – No Winner  
€25 to each of the following:-  
Shirley Dempsey, c/o Ann Lowry  
Caroline Gleeson, c/o Hilary  
Eileen, Rosemary & Joan, c/o Parish Office.  
Caroline Treacy, c/o Emo Shop,  
Hilary Lawlor, Emo,  
**Next week's jackpot €11,6 00**

**GRINDS – ENGLISH & GERMAN**

Leaving Certificate & Junior Certificate English and German grinds in the Laois area.  
Phone Emer on 085-1297496

**ENROLMENT – SCOIL NAOMH EOIN,  
KILLENARD**



Enrolment forms available from the School Reception from Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. Closing date for enrolment is Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 5pm.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Annual Church Gate Collection for St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> December. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your very generous support in the past. Dancing in Aid of Portarlinton St. Vincent de Paul every Monday night in the Gandon Inn Hotel & Restaurant. Monday night dancing at our Christmas party on December 18- music by Unity. Dancing 9.30pm to 12. A great night assured.

**PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB 2017**

**CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL**



**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**at Supervalu & Centra, Main Street,  
Portarlinton**

Hamper will be organised for distribution to those in need in our community.

**2017 EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER**

The Emigrant Newsletter is on sale in the following shops: Centra Kilmalogue; Spar Express, Station Road; Burbage's Main Street; Fletcher's Newsagents Main Street; The Post Office; Slevin's Bracklone Street; Central Stores Main Street; Parish Office. **PRICE €4.**

**HEALTHY HUB**

Nutrition Club, Portarlinton, has moved. Now upstairs at Lyles Shoes, Main St. We are there Monday to Friday from 9am each day, or you can ring for an appointment at a time that suits you. There is still time to tone up for Christmas. All of December our professional body scan is free. Get a head start on your 2018 New Year resolutions. Book now or call in any morning. Contact Bernie /John on 086-2596618.

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 2017**



The 4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza takes place on Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. (today) at 8pm in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Mulled wine reception from 7pm. Tickets €10 available from Lillian Shield, Margaret Guijt Lawlor, Julia Leavy & Ann Bourke Dunne.

This year's proceeds go to the Amber Well Being Committee, Coláiste Íosagáin. Tickets also on sale in the Portarlinton Credit Union by the students of Coláiste Íosagáin on Friday & Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.