

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 18th December, 2016 ❖ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖ Year A

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 19th Dec. 10am ---
Tues. 20th 10am Joseph, Margaret & Denis Murphy & deceased members of Murphy, Family, Ballycullane
Wed. 21st 10am ---
Thurs. 22nd 10am ---
Fri. 23rd 10am ---

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; Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (25th Anniv.); Eileen & Vincent Meredith, St. Michael's Park

Saturday 24th December – 9pm (Vigil)

Sadie Shaughnessy; Christina Maloney, Manchester; Tommy Dunne, Patrick's Ave; Sean & Eileen Powell, Spa St; Billy & Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill; Tom & Mollie Keegan; Tommy Keegan Jnr; Ab Evans; Niall Cox, Ger Knight; Marty Flanagan; Annie Phillips, Seskin; Catherine, Mary, Fran, Joan, Pat & James Browne; Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale; Thomas & Susan Guinan, Tullamore; Joseph Sweeney, Ann Sweeney; Thomas Sweeney & grandson Declan Sweeney

Sunday 25th December – 12.15pm

Paddy Bennett, Main St. dec. members of the Bennett Family; Sheila, Elizabeth & Patrick Taylor & dec. members of the Taylor Family, St. Michael's Pk. & Bradford; Fiona Lambe, Avondale; Emmet McConville; Deliah, Frank, Patrick & June Conway, Congress Tce. dec. members of Downey Family, Congress Tce.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 18th December – 10.30am

Gloria Mulhall, Woodenbridge (2nd Anniv.)
 James & Sarah Carroll & daughters Vera, May & Eileen; Lily Histead (nee Grattan) & husband Alec Histead

Saturday 24th December – 7.30pm

Deirdre Conroy, Lea Road; Frank Noone; Jack & Kathleen Carroll, Ballycarroll; Thomas & Maureen McNamara, Lea; Bob & Marie O'Connor, Lea

Sunday 25th December – 10.30am

Una O'Leary, Killenure
 Caroline McGrath, Bray

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

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 Commons, Edward & Josephine Dunne, Clonamone, Frank Behan, Betty Carolan, Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas; Dec. members of the Brophy Family, Kileen; Catherine Ramsbottom, New Inn; Laurence Kehoe, Coolbanagher

Sunday 18th December – 11am

Brigid Carroll, New Inn, Kevin Eustace, Kildare; Michael Keegan, Cappakeel & Botley Court, Portarlington; Kieran Dooley & Josephine Greene & all deceased members of the Emo Tidy Towns (On behalf of Emo Tidy Towns) Johnny Christy, Coolbanagher,

Saturday 24th December – 9pm (Vigil)

Sunday 25th December – 11am

Martin & Mary Gleeson, Morette
 Patrick & Annie Mangan & Dec. members of the Mangan Family; Patsy Mangan; Margaret O'Connor, Rossmore & dec. members of the O'Connor Family, Rossmore, Vicatstown

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 18th December – 9am

Alice & Myles Christie, Monasterevin, Annie & Laurence Ryan, Bellegrave, Ballybrittas
 Pat Behan, Courtwood

Saturday 24th December – 7.30pm (Vigil)

Eamon Bailey, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas; Kathleen Boland, Templeogue & formerly Jamestown

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR :-

Clare O'Byrne, Station Road
 Nell O'Doherty (nee Leavy), formerly St. Michael's Park, who died in England.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Michael James Whelehan, Ballycarroll
 Carla Patricia Franklin, Mount Henry Drive

EMO PARISH

Ryan Colin Waters, Garryhinch & Australia

CHRISTMAS CARD FROM

PARISH & DIOCESE

You are invited to take home a Christmas Card containing a Christmas message & greetings from Bishop Denis & from the Parish. It also has the Parish Christmas timetable & a calendar for 2017. You may wish to take one for your neighbor or friend.



LECTORS - NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington

Sat. 24th Dec. 6pm Child Reader
 9pm Vigil Dan Fingleton
 Sun. 25th Dec. 9am Eileen Dunne
 12.15pm Kieran Dunne

Killenard

Sat. 24th Dec. 7.30pm Gretta Rafter
 Sun. 25th Dec. 10.30am Niall Briody

Emo

Sat. 24th Dec. 9pm Vigil Kieran McEvoy
 Sun. 25th Dec. 11am Paula O'Rourke

Rath

Sat. 24th Dec. 7.30pm Eoin O'Connell
 Sun. 25th Dec. 9am Margaret Donohoe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This 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

Next weekend (Christmas Weekend)

Sat. 24th Dec. 6pm M. Ryan / M. O'Neill / M. Houlihan / L. Ryan – 9pm Vigil M. Murphy / Z. Young / A. Ridgeway / C. Reid / F. O'Dwyer / M. Brady

Sun. 25th Dec. 9pm B. Keegan / P. Delaney / J. Dunne / M. Scully / R. Doyle -

12.15pm K. O'Callaghan / J. O'Reilly / M. Foster / P. Fallon / F. O'Reilly

KILLENARD

This weekend – Team A

Sun. 18th 10.30am S. Dunne / J. Carey / G. Rafter

Next weekend (Christmas Weekend)

Sat. 24th Dec. 7.30pm C. Cahill / D. Campbell / J. O'Leary / J. Carey

Sun. 25th Dec. 10.30am A. Allen / B. Dalton / P. Dalton / E. Bracken

Rota for the Christmas Ceremonies were sent out to the Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

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

PARISH CALENDAR 2017

Parish Calendar for 2017 now available at the Church porch or in the Parish Office.

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.

A CRIB PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Every parish in the country is receiving a large print version of a Prayer to the Holy Family that will be placed in the parish crib as part of the Christmas Liturgy. Parishioners will have the chance to take home a book mark with the prayer for use in the home. This Irish initiative ahead of WMOF 2018 is being recommended by Rome to the Church throughout the world, with the prayer card being translated into many languages and sent to Bishops' Conferences across the globe.

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



Joy to the World!

Sunday 18th Dec. (TODAY) in St. Michael's Church Portarlington commencing 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 (TODAY)

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. Tickets €10. Proceeds this year to the Portarlington Lourdes Invalid Fund & the Portarlington Community Development Association ongoing Projects. A great night assured as usual.

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

Portarlington 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. Use of car is not essential. Please contact 086-6030091.

ENROLMENT

St. Paul's N.S., Emo: Applications forms for year 2017 now available from the school office. Closing date for application Fri. 27th Jan. 2017.
St. John's N.S. Killenard: Enrolment forms available from school reception from Mon. 9th Jan. Closing date on Fri. 27th Jan. 2017 5pm.

STAFF WANTED

Clown Around have a vacancy for a new staff member to join their existing team. Mature person required with previous work experience. This position will not suit students. Approx. 20 hours per week, must be available for weekend work. Hours of work 10am to 6pm. E-mail CV to info@clownaround.ie.

PARENTS COUNCIL - RATH N.S.

The Parents Council of Rath National School thank the pupils, parents & members of the community who generously donated goods, bought raffle tickets, helped out at the event & all of you who attended their recent Christmas Fair. It was a huge success! A very Happy Christmas from Rath N.S. Parent's Council.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Membership for €199 from the 1st Jan. Sign up today & get complimentary use until end of Dec. Gift Vouchers - Ideal for stocking fillers. We wish our members & pay as you go users a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

EMO PARISH LOTTO 12/12/16

Winning numbers 2, 9, 15, 20 - No jackpot winner. €25 to Ann Malone C/o Tom; John Strong & Family C/o John; Lorraine McEvoy C/o Emo Shop; Fiona Grehan C/o Emo Shop; Michael Slevin C/o Emo NS
Next week's jackpot €2,800.

Vocations - Fourth Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood? Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com



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.

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.

Portarlington Parish:

Portarlington Parish Number 1 Account

Emo Parish:

Emo Parish Number 1 Account

Priests Collections

Portarlington: *Portarlington Clergy Fund*

Emo: *Emo Clergy Fund*

Individual Priests names should not be written on the cheques.

CAROL SINGING

The Ryan family & friends will be singing in Super Valu Portarlington on Christmas Eve from 10am until 1pm. All proceeds go to Charity. Come along on Christmas Eve and join in the singing.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA LOTTO RESULTS

Lotto Results 12/12/16 Numbers were: 14,21,22,28. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner: Raymond McGill, Mena O'Connell. Promoter - Eddie Slevin. Next week's Jackpot: €14,200. Thank you for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

*May the hope, peace, joy
and love of Christ
be with you and your
loved ones this Christmas.*



*The Priests of the Parish
wish all Parishioners a
Happy & Peaceful Christmas.*

CHRISTMAS WALK

Do you fancy getting out in to the fresh air for a nice walk shortly after Christmas Day? PCDA/Derryounce Project Fundraising 7K Walk takes place on Tues. 27th Dec. at 2.30pm. Registration will take place at 2pm at the entrance to Derryounce walkway at Marian Hill/Bog Road. Donation €5. Further info. contact Love Port on 085- 8568801.

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

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Sat. 17th December St. Michael's Church,

Portarlington after evening Mass

Sat. 17th December St. Paul's Church, Emo

after evening Mass

Christmas Eve St. Michael's Church,

Portarlington 11am / 12.30pm &

7.30pm - 8.30pm

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve - Sat. 24th December

Portarlington: 6pm & 9pm Killenard: 7.30pm

Emo: 9pm Rath: 7.30pm

Christmas Day - Sun. 25th December

Portarlington: 9am & 12.15pm

Killenard: 10.30am

Rath: 9am Emo: 11am



St. Stephen's Day - Mon. 26th December

Portarlington: 10am

Masses the following weekend as usual

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S / FAMILY MASS

This year there a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on Christmas Eve in St Michael's Church which is being

organised especially for children

& families in the Parish. With

music by the Ryan Family Choir

& the participation of local

children, it will appeal to

younger members of our congregation &

families alike. Also as it's at 6pm there's plenty

of time for the children to get home and into

bed before Santa arrives in Portarlington! We

look forward to seeing you there



PORTARLINGTON PARISH CHOIR

Practice will take place Tues. next, 20th after the Penitential Service & Thurs. 22nd at 7.30pm in the Choir loft of St. Michael's Church.

Carol Service Christmas Eve

The Choir will hold a Carol Service from

8pm-9pm Christmas Eve before Mass in

St. Michael's Church.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR

This Choir will be singing at the 12.15pm

Mass in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

on Christmas Day.

ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS

A group of people from Portarlington are aiming

to provide assistance to the homeless.

Volunteers needed to cook dinners. Produce is

supplied from businesses. Non-monetary

donations welcome, e.g.:- Soap, toothpaste

toothbrush sleeping bags duvets, coats, food

or, indeed, anything you can donate to help.

Contact Tony Morrell on 086 3439126 or call to

No.40 Bracklone St. / No.3 St. Brigid's Square.

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. LoCall 1850 440 444,

no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls

completely confidential.