

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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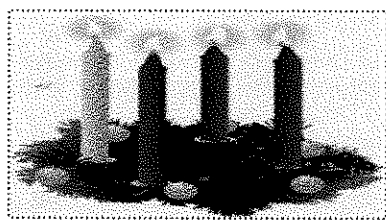
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 Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474

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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.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington

Portarlington & Emo Parish
 @EmoParish

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER, 2022

WEEKEND MASSES

PORTARLINGTON
Sat. 17th December – 6.15pm
 Ann Downey, Droughill (M.M.)
 Aileen Hennessy, Bishopswood (M.M.)
 Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Anthony Keenan, Gracefield; James & Josephine Nolan, Walsh Island & dec. members of the Nolan Family; Paul Nolan, Gracefield; Sunny Kennedy (B/Day Rem.); Una Kelly, Marian Hill; Pat & Chrissie O'Brien, Dublin; William & Bernadette Maloney, St. Brigid's Sq. & dec. members of the Maloney Family, St. Michael's Park;
 Lily O'Neill, Rosecourt (3rd Anniv.); John Kelly; Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Tce; Gary Lanigan, Castlelea View; Peter Dempsey, Ballagh
Sun. 18th December – 12.15pm
 John Lynch, Kilbride; Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (B/Day Rem.); Marie McNelis, Pinevillia; May & Blaise Duffy; Liz Hyland, Pine Villa; Margaret Weldon, Patrick's Ave; Danny, Ellen & James Malone, Gracefield; Cyril & Marie O'Brien; Michael, Margaret & Liam Lawlor, Garryhinch; Paddy Donnelly, Garryhinch (40th Anniv.)

WEEKDAY ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 19th Dec. Dan & Joe McCann; Niall Cox; Ger & Madge Knight; Marty Flanagan
Tues. 20th Dec. Joseph, Margaret & Denis Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy Family, Ballycullane
Wed. 21st Dec. Eileen Nolan, Congress Terrace
Thurs. 22nd Dec. Dec. residents Patrick Street
Fri. 23rd Dec. James & Maura McEvoy; Jerry McEvoy; Marie Pestel (3rd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 18th December – 10.30am
 Lily O'Neill, Rosecourt (3rd Anniv.)
 William (Billy) O'Leary; Una O'Leary, Killenure; Caroline McGrath, Bray;
 Mary & Pat Flanagan, Killenard

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:

Tom Landy, Whitefields
 Shane O'Neill, Church View
 Bridget Mack, (formerly St. Patrick's Tce.)
 Denise Geoghegan (nee Lyons), Cathair Na gCapall, Canal Road
 Fr. Joe Hynan, Melbourne, Australia (formerly Shandra)
 Celine Knight (nee Phillips), Seskin

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 17th December 7.30pm
 Mary Commins, New Inn; Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons; Bridie Carroll, New Inn; Darren Langford, Carn; Christina Maher & dec. members of the Langford & Travers Family;
 Willie Gleeson; Laurence Kehoe, Coolbanagher; Martin & Ann Buggy, Knightstown; Dec. members of Emo Choir; Thomas, Norah & Bernard Scully, Coolaghy; Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas; Christy Carroll, The Derris; Josephine Dunne (10th Anniv.) & Edward Dunne (20th Anniv.); Frank Behan; Richard Sinnott; Martin Joe Keating

Sunday 18th December 11am

Brigid Delaney, Killeen (M.M.)
 Bridie Carroll, New Inn (10th Anniv.); John & Mary Grennan & daughter Christina Grennan, Tullamore; John & Sadie Conroy, Abbeyleix; Maisie Keegan, Botley Court (3rd Anniv.); Michael Keegan, Botley Court (7th Anniv.); William & Kate Ramsbottom, New Inn, Johnny Christy, Coolbanagher, (30th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 18th December – 9am

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

Portarlington Parish
 Noah Ollie Ryan, Foxcroft Avenue
 Mia Roisin Lawlor, Treascon
 Annabella Cecilia Montero-Tynan, Killenard
 Alfie Niall Kennedy, Sawgrass, Killenard

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection. If in need, you can contact Portarlington St. Vincent de Paul on 087 7640557.

CAROL SERVICE

A Carol Service will take place today, Sunday 18th Dec. at 7pm in Church of the Ascension, Rathadaire. Everyone is very welcome to this community event.

CHRISTMAS DAY 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.

YEAR A

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday 24th December, 2022

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington, 6.15pm and 9pm Mass

St. John's Church, Killenard - 7.30pm

St. Paul's Church, Emo - 8pm

Sacred Heart Church, Rath - 7pm



CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday 25th December, 2022

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 9am and 12.15pm

St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am

St. Paul's Church, Emo 11am

Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

(Penitential Service for Christmas)

Mon. 19th December

Rath 7.30pm

Tuesday 20th December

St. Michael's Church 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st December

St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on

Christmas Eve (Sat.) at 11am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday of

Advent in St. Michael's Church, from 5 to 7pm.

Weekly Adoration continues on Tuesday's after the 10am

Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.



PARISH CALENDAR 2023

Parish Calendar for 2023 now available at the Church porch or in the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Congratulations to the new Eucharistic Ministers who are being commissioned this weekend.

CHRISTMAS EVE REMINDER

Don't forget to light a candle to welcome the Holy Family into your home this Christmas & to pray the prayer of St. Francis, as we welcome the peace of Christ into our world, home & heart.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2022

The Portarlington / Killenard Emigrant Newsletter is on sale in various shops around the locality. Price €5.

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC JUVENILE'S MONSTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Our Monster Hamper Raffle is back for 2022. There is 1 x €500 hamper, kindly sponsored by McLoughlin's SuperValu, & 5 x €150 hampers to be won. All money raised goes back into the Juvenile's Club. Your support is really appreciated. Tickets available in local businesses & online at www.odempseysgfc.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA LOTTO RESULTS

12th December – Numbers 29, 11, 24, 08

No Jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

Charlie Evans / Mairin O'Sullivan / Frances

Maher / Dolores Kelly / Darley Duffy

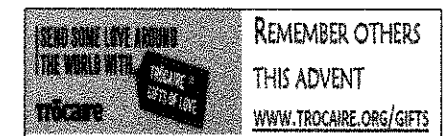
€30 Christmas Bonus prizes:-

Bettaney Cooper / Tony McEvoy / Lil Ryan /

Tony Carty – Next Week's Jackpot €4,000

"USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS"

An assault can wreck a victim's life, but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would cause your family. This is a Garda initiative as part of their mission of Keeping People Safe that is aimed at reducing and preventing assaults which can have serious consequences for both victims & perpetrators.



Give hope for a better world this Christmas with a Trocaire Gift of Love. There are 23 Trocaire gifts to choose from, such as chicks, emergency water & solar lamps, ranging in price from €5 to €100. The gifts can be purchased at <https://trocaire.org/gifts> or phone 1800 408 408.

JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

Congratulations to the students from the parish who received their John Paul II Awards during the week.

GOAL MILE

Sponsored by A.I.B. The Goal Mile will take place in McCann Park on Christmas morning from 11am – 11.30am. All welcome.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2022/2023



Rath N.S. – Junior Infants 2023 enrolling from Thurs. 5th Jan. until Fri. 27th Jan. Forms available from our website www.rathns.ie or phone Amanda at 057 8626270 or email office@rathns.com

Emo N.S. – Enrolment applications available after 5th January 2023 on line at emons.ie
Cloneyhurke N.S. – Enrolments accepted from 13th January until 4th February 2023. Forms available at info@cloneyhurke.net or phone 057 8623271, alternatively from school website www.cloneyhurke.net

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard – Enrolments accepted from Thurs. 12th January until Fri. 3rd February 2023. Forms available to download from www.killenardschool.weebly.com / Collect from school office / request by email to office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road – Accepting admissions from 5th January until 26th January 2023. You can download at www.stpatricksbns.ie or on request by emailing info@stpatricksbns.ie or writing to Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington R32 Y6K7.

Presentation Primary School - Early Intervention Classes (Preschool ASD). Applications for admissions commencing 5th January until 26th January 2023. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is 20th March 2023.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Winning numbers 10, 17, 19, 24

No Jackpot Winner. €25 to each of the following:- Charlie, Tommie & Sean Lewis / James Hyland, Village Cafe / Hilary Lawlor C/o Deirdre / Niall Keogh C/o Vera / Sean Fenlon, C/o Maeve. Draw takes place on 19.12.2022. Jackpot next week €7,400.

As this is the only fundraiser for the Parish, your support would be greatly appreciated. If you could sell a book of tickets or help on Monday evenings to check the tickets contact the Parish office. Tickets available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlington.

OFFALY ALZHEIMER CAFE

Bridge House Hotel – Tullamore. Mon. 9th January at 10.30am. Special guest: Beth Wogan (Tullamore branch of Family Carers Irel.). She will talk about the different services they offer. The Offaly Alzheimer Cafe will provide a warm & welcoming space for people with dementia, their family & friends, social & health care professionals to meet, exchange ideas & learnings. Everybody welcome. For further info. contact Claire Dolan 087 7151323 or email Claire.dolan@alzheimier.ie

CHRISTMAS CHOIR 2022

We hope to perform a full programme of music this year. Practices will be held as follows:- Tuesday 20th after the Penitential Service & Thursday 22nd December at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

USED STAMPS

Used stamps needed for the missions. Drop them into 'The Nook', Patrick Street.

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. Mountmellick 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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

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 2022, 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.

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. Sincere thanks for continued contributions.

ALONE - Are seeking Volunteers...

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965.

I.C.E. (In case of emergency)

Age Friendly Laois I.C.E. cards are an aid to first responders in identifying a person & having vital information in an emergency situation. Contact Tom Curran for info. on how to obtain one of these cards or to find out more about Age Friendly Laois – Phone 057 8664150 / 086 0363426 or Email tcurren@laoiscoco.ie

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89
 The last Dance Class before Christmas takes place tomorrow night (Mon. 19th) from 7.45pm – 9.15pm. Admission €8. **Keep Fit & Dance Classes** will resume in the new year.

Social Dance Appreciation Night
 Ring in the New Year on Sat. 31st December with Pat Daly. Doors open 9pm. Admission €5. Refreshments served.

MOBILITY INSTALLATIONS

Helping you get around.
 Supply and fitting: Wall mounted shower seats / Internal and external handrails / Ramps / Dropdown support rails / Bathroom grab rails.
 Contact Michael on 087 6293155 / Jo on 086 3449236. www.mobilityinstallations.ie