

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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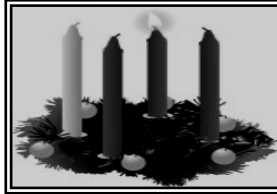
MASS TIMES

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 1ST DECEMBER, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR 'A'

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 2nd Dec. 10am ---
 Tues. 3rd Dec. 10am ---
 Wed. 4th Dec. 10am ---
 Thurs. 5th Dec. 10am ---
 Fri. 6th Dec. 10am Anne Keane, Woodbrook

Saturday 30th November – 6.15pm

Oliver (Ollie) Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.)
 Maura Crossan, Kilkeeran (1st Anniv.) & dec. members of the Crossan Family; Michael & Maureen Mulligan, Bishopswood; Adam Finlay, Crowe Lane; Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce; Carmel Crombie, Pinevilla (3rd Anniv.); Michael & Annie Boylan, Marian Hill & dec. members of the Boylan Family; James, Mary & Esther Kavanagh, Lough Cottage & dec. members of the Kavanagh Family; Willa Murphy, Droughill; Deceased members of Gracefield G.A.A. Club; Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Croften, Patrick St.

Sunday 1st December – 12.15pm

Evan Clancy, Pine Villa (M.M.)
 Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (4th Anniv.);
 Colin Loughran, Ballymorris Manor (20th Anniv.)
 Garrett Keogh Snr; Garry Keogh Jr., Patrick St.

Saturday 7th December – 6.15pm

Ann Burbage, Bishopswood Rd. (2nd Anniv.);
 Patricia Cunningham, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.);
 Kevin Slattery, Spa St. & Botley Court (2nd Anniv.); Dec. members of the Slattery Family;
 Richard Mangan, Spa St; Paddy Confrey & dec. members of the Dowling Family, St. Michael's Pk; John & Christina Lawrence, Annamoe; Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; William & Bernadette Maloney, St. Brigid's Sq.; Dec. members of the Maloney Family; Kathleen & James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce; Mick & Mollie Dunne, Cloneyquinn; Margaret Mann-O'Neill;

Sunday 8th December – 12.15pm

Seamus Murphy, St. Michael's Pk. & Dublin (M.M.); Jim Fahy, Arlington Est. (2nd Anniv.); Eugene & Mary Boland, Main St; Clare O'Byrne, Station Rd; Jim & Josie Flanagan, Gracefield; Eileen Dickenson; Eileen & John Clarke, Marian Hill; Christy Dunne (40th Anniv.) & Della Dunne; Maureen Glynn; Aine Ledwith (nee Dunne); Joe & Peg O'Connor & dec. members of the Burke, Walsh & O'Meara Families

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday 6th December, 2019

Masses for the First Friday as follows:-
 Rath Thurs. 9.30am / Emo Fri. 9.15am
 Portarlington 10am Friday
 Killenard Fri. 7.30pm

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

Mass for Healing

Tues. 3rd December commencing with Rosary at 7.45pm. mass at 8pm. Venue: Venue: St. Paul's Church, Emo. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor

ANNIVERSARIES

KILLENARD

Sunday 1st December – 10.30am

Kathleen Hickey, Lea (1st Anniv.)
 Denis Kavanagh, Lough;
 Margaret Kavanagh, Lough

ANNIVERSARIES

EMO

Saturday 30th November – 7.30pm

Jack & Maureen Nerney, Cappakeel
 Jim Nerney, The Poplars; Nuala Hyland,
 Morette; Bill Behan, Morette;
 John, Catherine & Dan Doheny

Saturday 7th December – 7.30pm

Robert Pigott, Woodbrook
 Mary Commins, New Inn
 Daniel Keane, Rath

Sunday 8th December – 11am

Patrick Mangan, Caron (7th Anniv.)

DECEASED



Prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-

*Eileen Callanan, Lea Road
 Maureen Mangan, Daingean & formerly Carn*

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

*Séan Daithí Sweeney, Kinacourt
 Callum James Byrne, Woodbrook
 Thomas Séan Michael Poleon, Kinacourt*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Due to the Emo / Rath Senior Citizens Party Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held today, Sunday 1st December.

CHURCH COLLECTORS DECEMBER 2019

St. Paul's Church, Emo:

Sat. 7.30pm Liam Fitzpatrick & Michael Whyte Jnr.
 / Sun. 11am Michael Moloney & Tom Mulhall

Sacred Heart Church, Rath:

9am John Dunne & David O'Connell

EMO / RATH

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Today, Sun. 1st Dec. at the Gandon Inn, Emo.
 Commencing 1.30pm sharp. All Emo / Rath Senior Citizens very welcome.



LECTORS (READERS)

7th / 8th Dec.

Portarlington: Sat. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle / Sun. 9am Tom Hainsworth
 12.15pm Micheline Murphy

Killenard: Sun. 10.30am Maureen Molloy

Emo: Sat. 7.30pm Emmet Conroy

Sun. 11am Ann Deering

Rath: Sun. 9am Michelle Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7th / 8th Dec.

Portarlington Team A

Killenard Team B

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR!



New members very welcome to Join St. Michael's Christmas Choir. Rehearsals in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington as follows:

Sat. 7th Dec. 10.30am

Tues. 10th Dec. 7.30pm

Sat. 14th Dec. 10.30am

Tues. 17th Dec. after Penitential Service
 Thurs. 19th Dec. 7.30pm

Welcome / Witany / Fáilte / Bienvenue

CHRISTMAS STATIONS - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent collection for the support of the priests of the parish.

Portarlington Christmas Carollers

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 Clonaghadoo. Admission Free. All are welcome.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2019

Sunday 8th December is the Second Sunday of Advent; therefore, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday 9th December and is **NOT** a holiday of obligation.

ADVENT WREATH

The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. As we light the candles each week, we are made aware of our journey through the Advent Season. The use of evergreen leaves around the candles reminds us that God's love is everlasting.



JESSE TREE

The Jesse tree tells about the ancestry of Jesus through symbols and relates Scripture to salvation history, progressing from creation to the birth of Jesus.

BINGO - OAKDALE NURSING HOME

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Christmas Appeal



St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting at all Masses in the Parish of Portarlinton the weekend of Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th December. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed over the years. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause. Helpline Number 087-7640557.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto Results 25.11.2019

Numbers 2, 3, 7, 10 - No jackpot winner.

€25 to one of the following:-

Mary Bastick, Emo; Emer Fennelly Tinnakill; Rose & Martin Foy, Kilbracken; Eamon Strong, Emo; Billy Hayden C/o Anne.

Next week's Jackpot €4,400

AN ADVENT RETREAT

Mountmellick Parish will host an 'Advent Retreat' on: Wed. 4th, 11th and 18th of Dec. from 7.30pm to 8.15pm in St. Joseph's Parish Church. Amid the busyness of getting sorted for Christmas you are welcome along for some time of prayer and reflection. A guest speaker will share their insights and thoughts and help us consider what is the deeper meaning of Christmas. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends.

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.afcmteamireland.org

LAOIS ENTERPRISE BOARD

"Making it happen for your business in 2020" with Gerry Duffy. Wed. 11th Dec. commencing 7.30pm at the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Contact localenterprise@laoiscoco.ie by 4th Dec.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH OFFICE

Christmas Mass Bouquets available

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

BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

You are invited to our Christmas event in aid of "The Heart of Ballybrittas Project" on Sat. 7th Dec. from 5pm in the Final Furlong. Santa will arrive and turn on the Christmas lights. Don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper! All very welcome.



"ITS BEGINNING TO SOUND A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS"



The Music department of Coláiste Íosagáin presents... "It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas" showcase. The show will take place on the 12th of December at 7.30pm in the school hall. Admission: €10. Hope to see you all there. Merry Christmas!

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS TREE



Switch on - Sun. 1st Dec. (today). Kiddies party 3-5pm / Santa will arrive in the Grotto at 4.30pm. Christmas tree will be switched on at 5.30. Music throughout the afternoon.

FREE SMART PHONE COURSE

A FREE smart phone class is running in Portarlinton Library every Thursday morning from 10.30-12.30pm. If you would like to learn a bit more about your phone or are struggling with your tablet/lpad, this class is perfect for you and it's free. To book a place on this very popular and fun course contact Louise Coughlan on 087-7794318.

SANTA'S HELPERS LAOIS

Santa's Helpers hope to help out as many families through the generosity of people who may donate to the cause. We have already received online donations, cash & cheques. You can donate to "Santa's Helpers" by contacting Darren Conroy, Kilminchy Portlaoise. Contact him Monday to Friday before 8pm on [086-8675060](tel:086-8675060). Ann Bourke Dunne here in Portarlinton has agreed to be a Santa helper to pass on cash donations to the Committee. You can contact Ann at [087-4116101](tel:087-4116101) or through her Facebook page. Thank you all for your support.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Prayerful Meditation Day on Sat. 7th Dec.

10am - 3.30pm. This day is designed to offer a space for you to relax, pray, think & feel. Through scripture, poetry, music & movement you will have the opportunity to take time out & be yourself in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of Mount St Anne's. Facilitated by Sr. Lillie O'Reilly. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) - Booking essential.

Advent Retreat

"Emmanuel God Walks With Us"

Thurs. 5th - Sun. 8th Dec. 2019 with Fr. Willie Purcell. This retreat leads us on the advent road to Bethlehem - our advent Camino. Cost: €290 residential or €170 non-residential. Contact Catherine on 057-8626153

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer's Society

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Respite care available - To access respite care please contact Ann on 057 866 3398/086 8372168 Places are limited so get in touch with us. Further info. contact Ann Munnely on the above number / amunnely@alzheimer.ie

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND



Christmas cards and 2020 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

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

Christmas Food Voucher Appeal

Portarlinton Lions Club are organising their Christmas Food Voucher Appeal. Anyone needing a food voucher can you please put your written request in the box located in Portarlinton Credit Union or Whelan Electrical on or before Wed. 11th Dec., 2019. Any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed. Please also make sure that you include your name, contact number and address. Confidentiality assured. As our resources are limited food vouchers will be granted on a needs basis.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

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

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 25/11/2019.

Numbers were: 01,07,17,22. No Jackpot or Match 3 winner's this week. Promoter - Brian Noone. Next week's Jackpot: €16,000. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB ANNUAL CONCERT



Featuring:

Portarlinton Concert Band Junior & Senior Bands

Pats Jazz Combo

Portarlinton Golf Club Choir

In Portarlinton Golf Club, Garryhinch on Thurs. 5th December 2019 commencing at 7.30pm. Admission €10.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Christmas Events

Christmas Slime Workshop

Thurs. 5th Dec. from 4pm for ages 8-12.

Storytime & Crafts

Fri. 6th Dec. from 3:30pm. For ages 3-7.

Christmas Crafts with Caroline

Sat. 7th Dec. from 11am for ages 6-9.

Storytime & Crafts

Fri. 13th Dec. from 3.30pm for ages 3-7.

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.

