



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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

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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



1st January, 2017 – Mary, Mother of God – World Day of Peace – Year A

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 2nd Jan. 10am Helen Kennedy, Patrick Street (2nd Anniv.)
Tues. 3rd Jan. 10am ---
Wed. 4th Jan. 10am ---
Thurs. 5th Jan. 10am Mary Keegan & her Son Michael, Bishopswood
Fri. 6th Jan. 10am Mary Kenna, Graigcullen

Saturday 31st December – 6.15pm

Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.), James (Jim) O'Flaherty, Main St. (M.M.) James Kennedy, Gracefield; Christopher Mooney, Kilbride House; Maureen McDermott, Garryhinch (19th Anniv.); John & Annie Dunne, Son, Peter & Daughter Bridie; Patrick & Dora Goley, Roskeen

Sunday 1st January – 12.15pm

Lauri Lawlor Snr. (14th Anniv.) & Lauri Lawlor Jnr. (13th Anniv.), Kilbride
Tom Murphy, Corrig

Saturday 7th January – 6.15pm

Julia Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.); Patrick Ryan, Arlington Est. & Lea Rd. (1st Anniv.); Dominica Ryan, Arlington Est. & Lea Road; Eamonn Scott, Shandra; David & Theresa Malone, Assumpta Tce., Dermot Crossan; Catherine Crossan; Mary Kinsella (nee Malone) & deceased members of the Malone Family; Michael Costello, St. Patrick's Tce; Aileen Murphy, Main St; Marie Kelly, Bracklone St;

Sunday 8th January – 12.15pm

Julia Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.); Ann Connolly, Spa St. (4th Anniv.); Paddy (Doody) Dunne & his parents, Michael & Elizabeth Dunne, Bracklone Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 1st January – 10.30am

Christina Nicholls, Lough Villa, Bracklone St. (2nd Anniv.); Deirdre Conroy, Lea Road

Sunday 8th January – 10.30am

Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum; Thomas & Margaret Grattan; Jim & Christina Byrne, Cloneygowan & deceased members of the Grattan & Kiernan Families.

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-



Gerard (Gerry) Conroy, Killenard & formerly Mountmellick

Bridget (Bridie) Denton, formerly Lough
Jack Boylan, Spa Street, Portarlington
Joe Phelan, Arlington Est. & formerly Marian Hill.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 31st December – 7.30pm
May Rowe, Killimy; Martin Buggy, Knightstown; Thomas Moran, Emo
John & Elizabeth Lewis
Sunday 1st January – 11am
Patrick Delaney, Emo (5th Anniv.)
Saturday 7th January – 7.30pm

Sunday 8th January – 11 am
Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 1st January – 9am

Mary Nugent, Bellgrove; Sarah Whitbread, London; Tim O'Connell, Coolroe & formerly Cork



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY 6th JANUARY 2017

Friday next, 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany & also the First Friday of the Month.

Masses as follows:-

Portarlington: Friday 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard: Friday 10.30am

Emo: Friday 7.30pm

Rath: Friday 9am

PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY

A STAR IS BORN



The Magi were led to Christ by the light of a star.

But they saw the star only because they were not afraid to travel in the dark.

The fact is, we cannot see the stars in the bright light of day, but only in the darkness of night; and the darker the night, the brighter they shine.

In a sense, all of us are night-time travelers. However, we need no longer fear the darkness,

because with the coming of Christ a light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower.

PARISH CALENDAR 2016

Parish Calendar for 2017 available at the Church porches.

LECTORS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington
Fri. 6th Jan. 10am Daily Reader / 7.30pm Anita Donoher

Sat. 7th Jan. 6.15pm Katie Dunne.
Sun. 8th Jan. 9am A. Holland / A. Dunne

Killenard

Fri. 6th Jan. 10.30am Vincent Hogan
Sun. 8th Jan. 10.30am L. Kealy

Emo

Fri. 6th Jan. 7.30pm Ann Deering
Sat. 7th Jan. 7.30pm Sadhbh Hanniffy
Sun. 8th Jan. 11am Stephanie Lewis.

Rath

Fri. 6th Jan. 9am Mena Connell
Sun. 8th Jan. 9am Deirdre Hartigan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington this weekend

31st Dec. / 1st Jan. 2017

Team B – 6.15pm S. Knight / S. Kiernan / P. Dempsey / M. Finlay / H. McGinn
9am H. Tinkler Dunne / A. Hennessy / J. Murphy – 12.15pm M. Smith / C. Garry / E. Mitchell / J. Dempsey / L. Cooper

Killenard

This weekend (1st January 2017)
Team B – 10.30am E. O'Hara / I. Sweeney / J. O'Leary

PARISH OFFICE



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed until Wed. 4th January, 2017. Office opening hours Mon. – Fri. 9.30am – 1.30pm. All notices for the Parish Newsletter to be in with the Office by Wednesday of each week.

CHURCH COLLECTORS - JANUARY

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Liam Fitzpatrick & Michael Whyte Jnr.

Sun. 11am John Joe O'Rourke & Aidan Crowley

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Frank Duffy & Tommy Donoher



The Priests of the parish congratulate all who attended at the Christmas Ceremonies in such great numbers. We thank all those who contributed to the support of the Priests. We thank the Organists, Choirs, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, those who decorated the four Churches and who erected the Cribs.

CONFIRMATION 2017



Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parishes of Portarlington & Emo as follows:

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thursday 9th March 2017 at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS

Friday 10th March 2017 at 11am

Presentation Primary School &

Cloneyhurke NS

Friday 10th March 2017 at 2pm

St. Paul's NS, Emo & Sacred Heart NS, Rath

Thursday 4th May 2017 at 11.30am

Emo / Rath

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017



Presentation Primary School & Cloneyhurke NS

Sat. 6th May, 2017 at 11.30am

Sacred Heart NS – Rath

Sat. 13th May, 2017 at 11.30am

St. Paul's NS – Emo

Sun. 14th May, 2017 at 11am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 20th May at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS

Sat. 27th May at 11.30am

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.

COURTWOOD GAA

The Annual General Meeting of Courtwood GAA will be held on Sat. 7th Jan, 2017 at 6pm. Nominations and motions can be submitted to secretary.courtwood.laois@gaa.ie or will be taken on the night.

CAST WANTED



The Porterhouse Players, Portarlington are looking to recruit new cast for their 2017 productions. Please contact Frank on 086-6004628 if you are interested.

PRAYER FOR THE START

OF THE YEAR

*Lord, I sometimes wonder where I'm going
and what is the meaning of my life.
I wonder especially
what the new year holds for me.
Will it bring joy or sorrow,
success or failure, life or death?
But then I remember that you came on earth;
And that you still travel the road of life with me.
And so I say to my soul:
'Go out into the darkness,
and put your hand in the hand of Christ,
your Brother;
That will be better than a light,
and safer than a known path.'*

NEW YEAR PRAYER



*Holy Father,
God of our yesterdays,
our today, and our tomorrows.
We praise You for Your
unequalled greatness.
Thank You for the year behind us and for the
year ahead.
Help us in Your new year, Father,
to worry less and laugh more.
To teach our children to laugh
by laughing with them.
To teach others to love
by loving them.
Knowing, when Love came to the stable in
Bethlehem,
He came for us.
So that Love could be with us,
and we could know You.
That we could share Love
with others.
Help us, Father, to hear Your
love song in every sunrise,
in the chirping of sparrows
in our backyards,
in the stories of our old folks,
and the fantasies of our children.
Help us to stop and listen to
Your love songs,
so that we may know
You better and better.
We rejoice in the world
You loved into being.
Thank You for another new year and for new
chances every day.
We pray for peace, for light,
and for hope, that we might
spread them to others.
Forgive us for falling short
this past year.
We leave the irreparable past in your hands,
and step out into the unknown
new year knowing
You will go with us.
We accept Your gift of a new year and we
rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to
help us do exactly what You want..
I say it again, we rejoice!
In Jesus name,
Amen.*

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

Results of Quarterly Draw

€10,000 Catriona Kennedy / €3,000 Declan Byrne / €2,000 Carmel Weldon / €1,000 to: Eoghan O'Hora & Levinia Byrne / €500 each to: Fiona O'Connor, Edward Murray
Next Draw will take place 11th March 2017.
AGM Cash Draw winners 15/12/17
€5,000 Una Tynan / €1000 to: Niall Porter, John Gorman, Elizabeth Wallace, Rose O'Kane, Catherine McGill, Fran Hearty, Jennifer Fallon, Aisling O'Reilly, Tina Fitzpatrick, Catherine O'Neill, Marchin Stec, Seamus Colgan, James Fahy, Bernadette Fenlon & Niall Wallace.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE – 1ST JAN. 2016

Pope Francis has announced the theme of the Message for the Church's 50th World Day of Peace to be celebrated today, 1st Jan. 2017.

Theme: "Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace".

Violence and Peace are at the origin of two opposite ways to building society. The proliferation of hotbeds of violence produces most serious negative social consequences. The Holy Father sums up this situation in the expression: "A Third World War in Pieces". Peace, by contrast, promotes social positive consequences and it allows the achievement of real progress. Therefore, we should act within what is possible, and negotiate ways of peace even where they seem tortuous and impractical. Thus, *non-violence* can acquire a more comprehensive and new meaning. It will not only consist of desire, of moral rejection of violence, barriers, destructive impulses, but also of a realistic political method that gives rise to hope.

IMPORTANT DATES

2017



Ash Wednesday 1st March 2017

Good Friday 14th April 2017

Easter Sunday 16th April 2017

Ascension 28th May 2017

Pentecost 4th June 2017

Trinity Sunday 11th June 2017

Corpus Christi 18th June 2017

1st Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2017 (B)

THANK YOU



The Ryan Family & Friends Carol Singers thank you for your generous contributions which will go to local charities. Thanks also to Supervalu for the use of their premises.

GREASE – THE MUSICAL

Coláiste Íosagáin will be staging the ever popular musical, Grease on Wed. 18th & Thurs. 19th Jan. 2017 at 8pm. Tickets are available from Ms. Bergin at a sales booth in reception (NOT the 'office') at lunchtimes from Mon. 9th Jan. (excluding Fridays).

Cost €5 for students and €10 for adults.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Our annual Dinner Dance & medal presentation to our victorious Intermediate and u21 teams will take place on Friday the 3rd of February 2017 at 8pm in The Heritage Killenard. Entertainment will be provided on the night by Damian Carroll and The Electrix. Tickets are €35 or €20 for students. If you are interested in buying a ticket or reserving a table, please contact Louise on 0877854640 or Barry on 087-7707511.



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**Priests of the Parish
wish all Parishioners a
HAPPY & PEACEFUL
New Year**