

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
 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



Sunday 24th December, 2017 ☒ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ☒ Year B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 25th Dec. 9am People of the Parish
Mon. 25th Dec. 12.15pm Anniversaries
Tues. 26th Dec. 10am Dead List
Wed. 27th Dec. 10am Christina Maloney & Sadie Shaughnessy, Manchester; Gerard Kelly, Seskin
Thurs. 28th Dec. 10am Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda
Fri. 29th Dec. 10am ---

Saturday 23rd 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, Deepark

Sunday 24th December – 12.15pm

Jack Boylan, Spa St, (1st Anniv.)
 Bridie Denton, (1st Anniv.)
 Margaret, Michael & Liam Lawlor, Paddy & Maryann Murray, Cushina, sons Paddy Jnr. & Mike, Dan O'Donoghue, Cork, Larry Taffe, Philipstown

Sunday 24th December – 9pm Vigil Mass

Niall Cox, Ger Knight, Marty Flanagan, Johnny Allen, Assumpta Tce., Catherine, Mary, Fran, Joan, Pat & James Browne; Joseph & Ann Sweeney; Thomas & Declan Sweeney, Marian Hill; Danny, Ellen & James Malone, Gracefield; Michael & Cissie Emerson, Spa St; Maryann & Cecil Emerson, St. Michael's Pk; Alan & Noel Jones, Garryhinch; Tommy Dunne, St. Patrick's Ave; Sean & Eileen Powell, Spa St; William (Billy) & Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill; Tom & Molly Keegan & Abe Evans; Tommy Keegan Jnr.; Annie Phillips, Seskin; Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale; Clare O'Byrne, Station Rd; Matthew & Betty Sheedy; Paddy & Mary McNamara; Margaret Brereton; Dec. members of the Broughall Family; Dec. members of the McCormack, Power & Delaney Families, Ullard, Philip Loughran & his Son Colin Loughran,

Monday 25th December – 12.15pm

Paddy Bennett, Main St; Sheila, Elizabeth & Patrick Taylor, St. Michael's Pk. & Bradford; Fiona Lambe, Avondale; Emmet McConville; John Corcoran, Ballybrittas

Saturday 30th December – 6.15pm

Sheila (Julia) Gorry, St. Brigid's Square (2nd Anniv.); Deirdre Conroy, Lea (10th Anniv.); Maureen McDermott, Garryhinch (20th Anniv.); Michael Costello, St Patrick's Tce. (21st Anniv.)
 Pat Butler, Station Rd; Christopher Mooney, Kilbride House

Sunday 31st December – 12.15pm

Sheila (Julia) Gorry, St. Brigid's Square (2nd Anniv.); Lauri Lawlor Snr. (15th Anniv.) & Lauri Lawlor Jnr. (14th Anniv.), Kilbride; Marie Kelly, Bracklone St; James Kennedy, Gracefield; Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 24th December – 10.30am

Una O'Leary, Killenure; Caroline McGrath, Bray; Christopher & Catherine Grattan, daughter Lily & husband Alec Hinstead, Frank Noone, Ballycarroll, (25th Anniv.) Jack & Kathleen Carroll, (27th Anniv's.)

Sunday 24th December – 7.30pm - Vigil

Deirdre Conroy, Lea (10th Anniv.)

Monday 25th December – 10.30am

Peter & Frances O'Reilly, Ballybrittas, Paddy Costello, Bracklone St., Jack Costello, Dublin & Bracklone St., Michael (Mick) Hall, Monasterevin, Janine Guidine

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 23rd December – 7.30pm

Norah Scully, Coolaghy
 Michael Moran, Killimy

Sunday 24th December – 11am

Michael Keegan, Cappakeel, & Botley Court
 Johnny Christy, Coolbanagher
 Catherine Ramsbottom, New Inn

Sunday 24th December – 9pm Vigil

Martin & Mary Gleeson

Monday 25th December – 11am

Margaret O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown & dec. members of the O'Connor Family; Patrick & Annie Mangan & their son Patsy Mangan & dec. members of the Mangan Family, Caron; Ellen Mulhall & Margaret McNamee, Caron

Sat. 30th December – 7.30pm

May Rowe, Killimy; Martin Buggy, Knightstown

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 24th December – 7.30pm Vigil

Ann Tynan, Copperbeech, Jamestown;
 Kathleen Boland, Templeogue & Jamestown;
 Eamonn Bailey, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas

Monday 25th December – 9am

Ann Tynan, Copperbeech, Jamestown; Patrick & Mary Dunne; Christopher & Stephen Dunne; Maisie Walsh (nee Dunne), Old Pound; Josephine Blanc; Tony McDermott, Manchester; Kevin Davis, Ballintubber; Mary Dunne, Old Pound

Sunday 31st December – 9am

Tim O'Connell, Coolroe; Mary Nugent, Bellgrove; Sarah Whitbread

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:

John Lynch, Kilbride
 Betty Langford, Wexford & Emo
 Eileen Nolan, Congress Terrace

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Hannah Daisy Connolly, Castlegate,
 Bruno Higgins-Friel, Park Lane

Please note there is a separate Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers rota for Christmas Masses

LECTORS 30th & 31st December

PORTARLINGTON: 6.15pm Sarah Dunne / 9am Lill Ryan / 12.15pm Sinead Dunne

KILLENARD: 10.30am Siobhain Fallon

EMO: 7.30pm Sadhbh Hanneff / 11am

Stephanie Lewis

RATH: 9am Michelle Carroll

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS 30th & 31st Dec.

PORTARLINGTON TEAM C / KILLENARD TEAM D

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Weekend Masses as usual

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

6pm (Children's Mass) & 9pm Mass

(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

"TOWARDS PEACE"

The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied, as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Phone 1800 303 416 (ROI) & 0800 996 3315 (NI & UK) Email coordinator@towardshealing.ie www.towardshealing.ie

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.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 2nd January 2018. 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.

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Due to Tuesday next being St. Stephen's Day, Adoration in St. Michael's Church will resume on Tues. 2nd January 2018.

**PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID
PILGRIMAGE 2018**



The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the 8th to the 15th August 2018 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price €799 per person sharing. For booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813, or, indeed, any member of the Committee.

The Lourdes Committee thank the staff of Portarlington Credit Union for their kind donation. Wishing everyone a Happy & Peaceful Christmas.

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

K & L Diocesan Pilgrimage leaving 16th July 2018 for 5 nights. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty. €739 per person sharing.

If interested contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410802 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN

Would you be interested in helping out distributing leaflets for the Pro Life Campaign. Ph: 087-6832674 or email aillshr29@gmail.com

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 8pm on Thurs. 11th Jan., 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 26th 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. €10 Dancing from 9.30pm to 12 midnight.

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

St. Patrick's College, Carlow is running an Introduction to Psychology Evening Course from 1st Feb. – 8th March every Thurs. from 7-9pm. Further info. contact: Alison Brennan, E: AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie, T: 059 91 53200, or see www.CarlowCollege.ie.

HEALTHY HUB

Nutrition Club, Portarlington now upstairs at Lyles Shoes, Main St. Mon. – Fri. 9am each day, or phone for appointment. Book now or call in any morning. Contact Bernie/John on 086-2596618.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO - 18TH DEC.



Numbers 1, 8, 9, 13 – No Winner €25 to each of the following:-
Louise Allen, c/o Emo Shop
Angela Casey, c/o Emo Shop
Lorna, David & Maria Whyte, c/o Emo Shop
Micháel & Ross, c/o R.R.
Angela Keane, c/o Rose
Eilish Bowe C/o P. Gorman
Tara & Katie O'Regan, c/o Mena
Jack O'Connell, Ballybrittas
Clare Hurley, c/o Vera
Jack O'Connell, Ballybrittas
Next jackpot €11,800 Draw on 8/1/18



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

For the year 2017, any Parishioner who gave 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 2017, 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.



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.

"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, Portarlington, 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.

THANK YOU

A sincere "Thank You" to the young man who found my purse at Supervalu Car Park & returned it to me. I am ever grateful (*Marie*).

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Church Gate Collection for St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

GRINDS – ENGLISH & GERMAN

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

ENROLMENT TO SCHOOLS

Scoil Naomh Eoin - Killenard

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

Presentation Primary School – Station Road

Collect a form to request an enrolment available from the Junior School Office from the 8th January – 31st January 9am – 1pm.

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 wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and good health and happiness in the new year.

O DEMPSEYS GAA

Lotto Results 18/12/2017.

Numbers were: 16,22,23,26. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners were: Paul & Michelle Gallagher. Promoter - Conal Barry. Next week's Jackpot: €4,000.

Juvenile Hamper Draw - Congratulations to Michael Finlay who was the lucky winner of our Christmas hamper (value €500) – Generously supported by SuperValu, Portarlington. Thanks to all who supported the club by buying and selling tickets for the draw. Congratulations to all the winners of the €150 hamper - Chris Dowd, Noleen Moore, Mag Finlay, Fiona O'Donnell & Tony Scott.

Happy Christmas - O'Dempsey's GFC wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas. We would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. We wish you a happy and prosperous 2018.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

(We pause and remember family members and others by name).

Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord.
AMEN

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*



**The Priests of the Parish wish all Parishioners a happy & peaceful
Christmas**

