



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO





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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



Oh Holy Night



SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Christmas Eve) Year B

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON	ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)	ANNIVERSARIES RATH
<p>SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER 6.15pm Mass Brian Keogh, Castlegate (M.M.); Bernadette (Berlo) Greene, Assumpta Tce. (1st Anniv.); Anthony (Chappie) Maloney, Park Avenue (2nd Anniv.); Patrick, Elizabeth, Ann & Kathleen Thompson, Dublin; Dec. members of the Broughall, McCormack, Power & Delaney Families, Ullard; James & Maura McEvoy, Rosenallis; Gerry McEvoy & Marie Pestel (nee McEvoy); Eileen Nolan, Congress Tce. (6th Anniv.)</p> <p>SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS EVE) 6.15pm Children's Mass Jack Boylan, Spa St. (7th Anniv.); Bridget Denton (7th Anniv.); Johnny Allen, Assumpta Tce; & dec. members of the Browne Family, Catherine, Mary, Fran, Joan, Pat, Jim & James; Anthony (Chappie) Maloney, Park Ave.; Jim Lawlor, Lea Rd; Jerome Bourke, Patrick Ave. Michael & Peggy Murphy, Annamoe; Michael & Esther Murphy & dec. members of the Murphy Family, Annamoe; Fiona Lambe, Avondale; Arthur & Ellen Thompson, son Luke; Mary & Ellen Malone; Dec. members of the Thompson & Malone Families, Tullow & Kilbride; Matt & Gretta Quinn, daughter Angela, granddaughter Caroline & grandson Barry, Dublin</p> <p>9pm Vigil Mass Alan Jones, Garryhinch (26th Anniv.); Noel Jones, Garryhinch; Clare O'Byrne, Station Road; Tommy Dunne, Patrick Avenue; William (Billy) Whelan & Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill; Tom & Molly Keegan; Tommy Keegan Jnr; Abe Evans; Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale (17th Anniv.); daughter-in-law Molly O'Reilly; Tom & Bridget O'Reilly, Congress Tce; Tom, Susan & Noel Guinan, Tullamore; Julia (Sheila), Elizabeth & Patrick Taylor, St. Michael's Park & Bradford; Dec. residents of Avondale; Pete McLaughlin, Kilmalogue Downs; John, Kathleen & Marian Keely, Wicklow; Lily Melia, Wicklow, Matthew & Betty Sheedy, Clondoolusk, Mary & Paddy McNamara, Clondoolusk, Margaret Brereton, Monasterevin</p> <p>MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY 12.15pm Mass Paddy Bennett, Main St. & dec. members of the Bennett Family; Emmet McConville Laurence (Lar) Dempsey, Clondoolusk</p>	<p>Tues. 26th December – Sean O'Keeffe, Bishopswood (2nd Anniversary) Wed. 27th December --- Thurs. 28th December Alice McCann; Ronan Culleton, Mountmellick; Pat Butler Fri. 29th December Joe Walsh</p> <p>ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE 10.30am Mass Una O'Leary, Killenure; Caroline McGrath, Bray</p> <p>7pm Mass Jack & Kathleen Carroll, Ballycarroll; Frank, Una & Declan Noone, Ballycarroll; James Bailey & Eamon Bailey, Ashgrove; Thomas & Maureen McNamara, Lea; Marie & Bob O'Connor; Seamus O'Donnell, Clane; Deirdre Conroy, Lea Road</p> <p>ANNIVERSARIES - EMO SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER 7.30pm Mass Edward & Josephine Dunne; Frank Behan; Richard Sinnott; Martin Joe Keating; Catherine & Paddy Walsh & dec. members of the Walsh Family, Cappakeel, Michael Moran, Killimy, Thomas Moran, Killimy,</p> <p>SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE 8.30pm Vigil Mass Martin & Mary Gleeson, Morette Eddie Mulhall, Morette; William & Catherine Ramsbottom, New Inn</p> <p>MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY 11am Mass Paddy & Annie Mangan & dec. members of the Mangan Family, Caron; Ellen Mulhall; Margaret McNamee, Caron; Margaret (Peggy) O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown & dec. members of the O'Connor Family; Martin Rowan; Veraluca Maria De Avila; John & Mary Grennan & daughter Christina Grennan, Aharney, Tullamore; John & Sadie Conroy, Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix</p> <p>CONFESSIONS Confessions after 6.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church Saturday Evening.</p>	<p>SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS EVE) 7pm Mass James Bailey, Ashgrove; Eamon Bailey, Ashgrove; Kathleen Boland, Jamestown;</p> <p>MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY) 9am Mass Richard O'Connor, Courtwood (1st Anniv.); Allendale Conroy, Bellgrove</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✠ FR. SEAN MURPHY ✠ MONTHS MIND MASS Sacred Heart Church, Rath Wednesday 27th December – 12 Noon</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES St. Michael's Church, Portarlington Saturday 23rd December Vigil 6.15pm Sunday 24th December at 9am Sunday evening Children's Mass at 6.15pm Sunday night Vigil Mass at 9pm</p> <p>St. John's Church, Killenard Sunday 24th December at 10.30am Sunday evening at 7pm</p> <p>St. Paul's Church, Emo Saturday 23rd December Vigil 7.30pm Sunday 24th December at 8.30pm</p> <p>Sacred Heart Church, Rath Sunday 24th December at 9am Sunday evening at 7pm</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES Monday 25th December, 2023</p> <p>St. Michael's Church, Portarlington Christmas Day at 9am & 12.15pm</p> <p>St. John's Church, Killenard Christmas Day at 10.30am</p> <p>St. Paul's Church, Emo Christmas Day at 11am</p> <p>Sacred Heart Church, Rath Christmas Day at 9am</p>

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE
 The Parish Office is closed for the Christmas Season and will re-open **WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024**. We wish everyone a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas & New Year.

BAPTISMS
 We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism
Portarlington Parish
 Mason Lee Griffin, Ballybrittas
 Bobby Bolger, Kilmalogue Garden
 Mia Isabel Wendy Rowlands, Whitefields

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 to all.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2024 / 2025


Rath National School
 Junior Infants 2024: Thurs. 8th January until 31st January. Forms available from our website www.rathns.ie or phone Amanda at 057 8626270 or email office@rathns.com
ENROLMENT OPEN DAY – Rath N.S.
 13th January 2024 from 11am – 1pm.
Emo N.S.
 Junior Infants 2024 enrolment 8th January 2024 until 26th January 2024. On line at emons.ie
Cloneyhurke National School
 Enrolment 15th January until 5th February 2024. Forms available at info@cloneyhurke.net or phone 057 8623271 or www.cloneyhurke.net
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
 Application forms for Junior Infants 2024/25 are available from Mon. 8th January. Download from www.killenardschool.weebly.com, collect from the school office or request by email office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.
Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
 Enrolment from 8th January until 29th January 2024. Download at www.stpatricksbns.ie or request a form by emailing info@stpatricksbns.ie or white to Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
Presentation Primary School
 Enrolment for Junior Infants 24/25 will commence on 8th January until 29th January 2024. Application forms available from School office or Website.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION 125TH ANNIV.
 Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wed. 27th Dec. to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass & prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10am (Irish time) around the world via www.pioneerassociation.org

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW
 1st prize Trip to Lourdes / 5 prizes of €50 each. Draw takes place Tues. 6th Feb. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. If you would like to buy tickets or sell some books contact Marie Corcoran or any Committee Member. Thank you to Portarlington Credit Union for sponsoring the 1st prize & to Super Valu for the other prizes. Happy Christmas & New Year to all.




LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

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 Please note that the Christmas Rotas for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers is on the Notice Board in the Church Porch.

PARISH CHOIR

 The Annual Carol Service will commence at 8pm Christmas Eve in St. Michael's Church. Come along early & enjoy the beautiful Carols.

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

A MEAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Loving God, on this Christmas day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace & joy. Bless us as we sit down together at this table for our Christmas meal. Bless the food we share, and help us to remember those who are hungry. Be with our neighbours and our friends, all who are lonely, sick or away from home. We pray that our departed loved ones may now sit at your table in heaven. May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead. **AMEN**

EMO TIDY TOWNS
 Emo Tidy Towns wish everyone a happy, peaceful Christmas & New Year. Sincere thanks to everyone who worked hard keeping the village clean & tidy in 2023. Keep up the great work in 2024.





PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION
DECEMBER DRAW RESULTS
 €10,000 Lynn Colbert / €2,000 Sarah Flanagan & JP McCormack / Majella Ryan €1,000 Siobhan Byron-McEvoy / Adrian & Aoife Dobrea / €500 Michelle Fitzpatrick / Derek Cahill / Hughie Emerson / J. & C. Maxwell / K. & D.M. Byrne / Kevin Kavanagh / Jessica Joyce-Whelehan / C. & T. Wrafter / Tara Bove / Tony Murphy / Margurite McSweeney
 €300 Jacinta Gannon & to Paul O'Brien

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB
CLONEYHURKE - R32CY89
 Dancing New Year's Eve – Sun. 31st Dec. from 8.30pm. Music by Pat Daly. Adm: €10. Refreshments served. Sincere thanks to everyone for their support during 2023 and we wish you all a Happy Christmas & New Year.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.
Hamper Results: Congratulations to our winners from our Juvenile Christmas Hamper Draw – Grainne Kennedy, Maureen Molloy, Anne Marie Moore & Phil Donagher.
Lotto Results 19th Dec: Numbers 1, 16, 21, 26 No Jackpot winner. Match 3: Paul & Michelle Gallagher. Promoter: Catherine Cahill. Next draw Jackpot €3,600 (2nd January).
 Thank you: Thanks to our supporters & members at home & abroad. Thanks to all who have dedicated their time & support to the club in 2023. Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh.

✠ **DECEASED - R. I. P.** ✠
 Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-
Sr. Marie (Martina) Walsh, Presentation Sister, Mountmellick


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 2023, 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.

Lotto. 

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO
 Wk. No. 1220. 18th Dec. 2023. Numbers: 3, 9, 10, 21 – No Jackpot Winner
 €25 to each of the following:-
 Mena Connell C/o Mena; Ber Wheeler C/o Ber; Rosaleen Kirwan C/o Deirdre; Imelda Brody C/o B. Gorman; Joe Whelan C/o B. Gorman; Paula Bourke C/o Deirdre; Kathy Murphy C/o Maeve; Pat Anton C/o P. Gorman; John Loughlin C/o Deirdre; Geraldine O'Neill.

NEXT DRAW TAKES PLACE ON 8TH JANUARY 2024 WITH A JACKPOT OF €6,000

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO
 Wk. No. 51. 18th Dec. 2023. Numbers 26, 32, 17, 31. No Jackpot winner.
 €50 to each of the following: Gillian Rice; Greg O'Meara; Michelle Kavanagh; Tess Bryan; Aisling Bolger. Promoter Prize: Tom Garry. Christmas bonus prizes of €30 each:- PJ Duffy; Paddy Behan; Catherine Costello; Joe Whelan. Next week's Jackpot €10,000

YOGA CLASSES
 Commence January 2024 in the Old School Hall, Emo. If interested in joining, contact Louise on louise.a.gorman@gmail.com

SYNOD NEWS
 Dedicated page on the diocesan website www.kandle.synod where you can keep up to date. Lots of information at www.synod.ie and on the Vatican website, www.synod.va

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS
 Used stamps needed for the missions. You can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone St.

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