



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



Sunday 25th December, 2016

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Year A

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 26th Dec. 10am Carmel Crombie, Pine Villa & Marian Hill (M.M.)
Tues. 27th 10am Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda
Wed. 28th 10am Pat Butler, Station Road
Thurs. 29th 10am John & Bridget Lovern & their Son, John Lovern, Galway
Fri. 30th 10am ---

Saturday 24th December – 9pm (Vigil)

Sadie Shaughnessy; Christina Maloney, Manchester; Tommy Dunne, Patrick's Ave; Sean & Eileen Powell, Spa St; Billy & Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill; Tom & Mollie Keegan; Tommy Keegan Jnr; Ab Evans; Niall Cox, Ger Knight; Marty Flanagan; Annie Phillips, Seskin; Catherine, Mary, Fran, Joan, Pat & James Browne; Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale; Thomas & Susan Guinan, Tullamore; Joseph Sweeney, Ann Sweeney; Thomas Sweeney & grandson Declan Sweeney

Sunday 25th December – 12.15pm

Paddy Bennett, Main St. dec. members of the Bennett Family; Sheila, Elizabeth & Patrick Taylor & dec. members of the Taylor Family, St. Michael's Pk. & Bradford; Fiona Lambe, Avondale; Emmet McConville; Deliah, Frank, Patrick & June Conway, Congress Tce. dec. members of Downey Family, Congress Tce.

Andrew & Elizabeth O'Neill, Marian Hill; Francis O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. Mary & Michael O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq., Tommy & Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. Margaret O'Neill Snr. & Margaret O'Neill Jnr., St. Brigid's Sq, Darren O'Neill & Barry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq., Agnes Cahill, Droughill, Edward Keenan, Waterford, Dec. members of the Kelly Family, Seskin

Saturday 31st December – 6.15pm

Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.), James Kennedy, Gracefield; Christopher Mooney, Kilbride House; Maureen McDermott, Garryhinch (19th Anniv.) Paul Cunningham, Kildare & Joe & Brigid Cunningham, Kildare

Sunday 1st January – 12.15pm

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

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR :-

Willie Carroll, Mountmellick, formerly St. Brigid's Square



PARISH CALENDAR

2017

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

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Saturday 24th December – 7.30pm

Deirdre Conroy, Lea Road; Frank Noone; Jack & Kathleen Carroll, Ballycarroll; Thomas & Maureen McNamara, Lea; Bob & Marie O'Connor, Lea

Sunday 25th December – 10.30am

Una O'Leary, Killenure Caroline McGrath, Bray; Paddy Costello, Bracklone St.; Jack Costello, Dublin; Michael Hall, Monasterevin; Janinia Gudinie
Sunday 1st January – 10.30am
Christina Nicholls, Lough Villa, Bracklone St. (2nd Anniv.); Deirdre Conroy, Lea Road

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 24th December – 9pm (Vigil)

Martin & Mary Gleeson, Morette Michael Moran, Emo

Sunday 25th December – 11am

Patrick & Annie Mangan & Dec. members of the Mangan Family; Patsy Mangan; Margaret O'Connor, Rossmore & dec. members of the O'Connor Family, Rossmore, Vicarstown

Saturday 31st December – 7.30pm

May Rowe, Killimy; Martin Buggy, Knightstown; Thomas Moran, Emo

Sunday 1st January – 11am

Patrick Delaney, Emo (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Saturday 24th December – 7.30pm (Vigil)

Eamon Bailey, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas; Kathleen Boland, Templeogue & formerly Jamestown

Sunday 1st January – 9am

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

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve – Sat. 24th December

Portarlington: 6pm & 9pm Killenard: 7.30pm
Emo: 9pm Rath: 7.30pm

Christmas Day – Sun. 25th December

Portarlington: 9am & 12.15pm
Killenard: 10.30am

Rath: 9am Emo: 11am

St. Stephen's Day – Mon. 26th December

Portarlington: 10am

Masses the following weekend as usual

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 Donohar



LECTORS - NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington

Sat. 31st Dec. 6.15pm M. Doyle Sun. 1st Jan. 9am Lill Ryan / 12.15pm E. Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 1st Jan. 10.30am Eliz. Kelly

Emo

Sat. 31st Dec. 7.30pm Doreen Dunne
Sun. 1st Jan. 11am Frances Kerry

Rath

Sun. 1st Jan. 9am Michelle Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

PORTARLINGTON

Christmas Weekend (24th / 25th Dec.)

Sat. 24th Dec. 6pm M. Ryan/ M. O'Neill / M. Houlihan / L. Ryan - 9pm Vigil M. Murphy / Z. Young / A. Ridgeway / C. Reid / F. O'Dwyer / M. Brady

Sun. 25th Dec. 9pm B. Keegan / P. Delaney / J. Dunne / M. Scully / R. Doyle - 12.15pm K. O'Callaghan / J. O'Reilly / M. Foster / P. Fallon / F. O'Reilly

Next weekend – 31st Dec. / 1st Jan.

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

Christmas Weekend (24th / 25th Dec.)

Sat. 24th Dec. 7.30pm C. Cahill / D. Campbell / J. O'Leary / J. Carey

Sun. 25th Dec. 10.30am A. Allen / B. Dalton / P. Dalton / E. Bracken

Next weekend (1st January 2017)

Team B – 10.30am E. O'Hara / I. Sweeney / J. O'Leary

Rota for the Christmas Ceremonies were sent out to the Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors.

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Harry Thomas Roycroft, Spire View, Patrick Street

ENROLMENT TO SCHOOLS

St. Paul's N.S., Emo: Applications forms for year 2017 now available from the school office. Closing date for application Fri. 27th Jan. 2017.

St. John's N.S. Killenard: Enrolment forms available from school reception from Mon. 9th Jan. Closing date on Fri. 27th Jan. 2017 5pm.

Presentation Primary School, Station Rd: Application forms for enrolment for the school year 2017 are available at the Junior School Reception from the 9th January.

Cloneyhurke N.S. Accepting applications for September 2017. Current enrolment 33.

Contact the school 05786 23271 or cloneyhurkens@gmail.com

EMO PARISH LOTTO 20/12/16

Winning numbers 6, 8, 10, 24 – No jackpot winner. €25 to Sheila Lalor C/o Martha; Tom McEvoy C/o Emo Shop; Fr. Tom Dooley C/o Martha; Mark Deering C/o Anne; Hugh Costello C/o Emo Shop; Jean Horne C/o Emo Shop; John & Vera Donohue C/o Hilary; Eilish Bowe C/o P. Gorman; Richard Maher C/o Emo Shop; Tom Coleman C/o Ann Duffy

Next Jackpot 9th January 2017 €3,000

CARE OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a career in the care sector? Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One day topic specific workshops also available. For more information contact the training unit on 057-9322920.

Vocations – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Best wishes from Emo Tidy towns to all for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and 2017. Our Thanks to everyone who helped us during 2016 and look forward to a busy 2017 keeping Emo Tidy and Clean.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP

DENIS NULTY



On this Christmas Day, I greet you, your families and loved ones with every grace and blessing! It's over 2000 years since God's Son was born in a stable in Bethlehem. He was the same as any other baby – needing to be fed and changed, needing to be held and loved. Like all babies – like the children of your own family – he melted the hearts of those who looked upon him or held him in their arms. That's how God comes to us still – asking for our love. We can direct him to the darkness of the stable because we have no space for him in our busy lives, or we can make room in our hearts to receive him with love.

Your presence here today, in God's house, celebrating the birth of the Christ child is a sign of your willingness to welcome God into your hearts and homes. I want you to know each one of you is always welcome in God's house, your presence is a gift; your presence helps us to recognise that God is indeed with us; your presence gives us hope that the light will conquer the darkness that at times threatens to overwhelm humanity!

This Christmas, conscious of the turmoil in our world, conscious of the challenges of poverty, homelessness and materialism in society, conscious of our own need to be made whole, let us welcome Christ once more and allow ourselves to be held in that loving embrace of God.

✠ Denis Nulty

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



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.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 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.

ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS

Bikers against Homelessness

Sincere thanks to the people who helped in our quest to help homelessness. You have been so responsive and helpful we are very thankful. We aim to continue this work for the homeless during 2017. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

If you wish to help during 2017 phone 086 3439126

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am to 10pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, you're feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained mature people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

COURTWOOD GAA

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

CHRISTMAS WALK

Do you fancy getting out in to the fresh air for a nice walk shortly after Christmas Day? PCDA/Derryounce Project Fundraising 7K Walk takes place on Tues. 27th Dec. at 2.30pm. Registration will take place at 2pm at the entrance to Derryounce walkway at Marian Hill/Bog Road. Donation €5. Further info. contact Love Port on 085- 8568801.



PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Membership for €199 from the 1st January. We wish all our members & pay as you go users a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA LOTTO

RESULTS

Numbers: 02,16,18,24. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €14,400. Thank you for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

O'DEMPSEY'S 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 0877707511.



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

