



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 26th November, 2017 - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - Year A

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 27th Nov. 10am Francis Watson, Main St
Tues. 28th 10am Catherine & James Hennessy, Bracklone Street
Wed. 29th 10am Doreen Maguire
Thurs. 30th 10am Mary Verso (nee Kelly)
Fri. 1st Dec. 10am Deceased members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood

Saturday 25th November – 6.15pm

Declan Murphy, Woodbrook; John Greene (15th Anniv.), wife Mary Greene (39th Anniv.), Son Michael (20th Anniv.) & daughter Marian (4th Anniv.), Assumpta Terrace; Kathleen Masterson; Marie Finlay; Sarah Keogh & dec. members of the Keogh Family, St. Patrick's Tce.; Joe O'Connor, Tierhogar (60th Anniv.); Peg O'Connor, Bracklone St. (5th Anniv.); Francis Watson, Main Street; Mick & Mollie Dunne, Cloneyquinn

Sunday 26th November – 12.15pm

Jim O'Flaherty, Main St. (1st Anniv.); Carmel Crombie (O'Reilly), Pine Villa (1st Anniv.); Jim O'Flaherty, Main St. (1st Anniv) Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (2nd Anniv.); Esther Kelly, St. Michael's Park (35th Anniv.); Gerry Kelly; Ann Hyland (nee Kelly); George, Kay & May Dempsey & deceased members of the Dempsey Family, Treascon; Edward Murphy, St. Michael's Park; Patsy & Esther Murphy & Dec. members of Doyle, O'Connor & O'Brien Families

Saturday 2nd December – 6.15pm

Patricia Dempsey, Garryhinch (M.M.); Peter & Bridget Dunne, Cushina; Jack & Paddy Quinn; Kathleen & James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce; Michael & Maureen Mulligan, Bishopswood

Sunday 3rd December – 12.15pm

Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (1st Anniv.); Adam Finlay, Crowe Lane; Elizabeth Flanagan, Glasshouse; Michael Gibson, St. Michael's Park; John Cummins; John & Eileen Clarke, Marian Hill; Patsy & Esther Murphy, Station Road & Lea; Deceased members of the Doyle Family, Treascon; Deceased members of the O'Connor Family, Treascon; Timothy & Eilish Devaney; Kathleen & John Murphy, London & Treascon; Michael, David & Marian O'Brien

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

The Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Rota for Nov. 2017 to Nov. 2018 is displayed on the notice boards in the Church. If you require a copy please call into the Sacristy, where copies are available, or we can e-mail or post a copy to you upon request. Sincere thanks for all your service during the past year. If there are any Parishioners who wish to become Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors contact the Parish Office

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 26th November – 10.30am

Michael Quigley, Killenard (5th Anniv.); Michael Hall, Monasterevin; Jim McDonnell, Springfield & dec. members of the Durkan & McDonnell Families; Jeremiah Culleton, Rathleash (20th Anniv.); John Donnelly, Killenard & Sheila Donnelly, Monasterevin & Killenard

Sunday 3rd December – 10.30am

Una Kehoe, Ballycarroll

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 25th November – 7.30pm

William Behan, Morette

Sunday 26th November – 11am

Teresa Flynn, Knightstown; George & Catherine Horne & dec. members of the Horne Family, Carn

Saturday 2nd December – 7.30pm

Nuala Hyland, Hand Road, Morette
Jack & Maureen Nerney; Jim Nerney, The Poplars, Cappakeel

DECEASED



Please pray for the following who died recently:
Lena McCormack, Nottingham, England & formerly Treascon
Mary Verso (nee Kelly), Portnahinch

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Cora Eibhlin O'Mahony, Rathleash Lodge, Killenard.

ADORATION - PORTARLINGTON

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tues. from 10.30am to 7pm in St. Michael's Church.

2017 EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER

The Emigrant Newsletter is on sale after all Masses this weekend and thereafter in the following shops: Centra Kilmalogue; Spar Express; Station Road; Burbage's Main Street; Fletcher's Newsagents Main Street; The Post Office; Slevin's Bracklone Street; Central Stores Main Street; Parish Office. PRICE €4.

FIRST FRIDAY – 1ST DECEMBER 2017

Masses as follows on the First Friday:-

Portarlington: Fri. 10am **Killenard:** Fri. 7.30pm / **Emo** Fri. 9.15am / **Rath:** Fri. 9.30am

CHURCH CHOIR – ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Welcome Fáilte, Witany, Bienvenue

Rehearsals for Christmas every Tues. & Thurs. at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church commencing Tues. 28th Nov. All welcome – New members welcome.



LECTORS 2nd & 3rd Dec.

PORTARLINGTON: St. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne / 9am Liam Kinsella / 12.15pm Emma Dunne

KILLENARD: 10.30am Gretta Rafter

EMO: Sat. 7.30pm Paul Donnelly

Sun. 11am Paul O'Rourke

RATH: 9am Mark Behan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

NEXT WEEKEND 2nd & 3rd Dec.

PORTARLINGTON TEAM B

KILLENARD: TEAM D

CHOIR PRACTICE - EMO

Choir Practice will take place on Wed. next, 29th November at 7.30pm & each Wednesday evening after that in St. Paul's Church, Emo. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS STATIONS

Christmas Stations for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up as a second collection at all Masses this weekend. There are envelopes in the envelope boxes & also at the Church Porch. This is one of the five times during the year you give to the direct support of the priests of the parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS

CAROLLERS

Christmas Concert



Sunday 17th December

In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington commencing at 4pm. Come along with your family & friends to enjoy traditional carols along with some festive cheer.

Treats for all the children & for the grown-ups who join in!

NO ADMISSION CHARGE – FREE TO ALL!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Due to the Emo / Rath Senior Citizens Party Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held on Sun. 3rd December.

CHURCH COLLECTORS DECEMBER

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm PJ Gleeson & Joe McDermott
Sun. 11am Seamus Fitzpatrick & Martin Dunne

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am John Dunne & David O'Connell

TEENAGE DISCO

Christmas Teenage Disco will take place on Fri. 15th Dec. from 8-11pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Tickets for the disco will be on sale at a reduced rate of €8 from 1st December at the Community Centre Reception or from the usual sales agents and will also be available for sale at the entrance on the night for €10.

ANNUAL MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Portarlington Community Centre Annual Monster Christmas Raffle will also take place on Fri. 15th Dec. at 12 noon in the Credit Union. Tickets on sale from Thurs. 23rd Nov. €2 per ticket or book of 3 for €5. Tickets available from Portarlington Community Centre Reception Office or from Portarlington Community Centre Group Co-ordinators.

ARLINGTON CHALLENGE MATCH

Calling all Arlington legends. Arlington legends V's Arlington coaches challenge match Sun. 10th December. Kick off 11am. If interested in playing, contact Alan Dunne 086-8145979 All are welcome - Don't forget your festive hat.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON.

Preparing for Christmas.

An invitation to come reflect and pray the Scriptures. A course of 3 Tuesday evenings Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th & 12th from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Presented by Fr Seamus O'Connell. No Charge (Donations welcome). Book for any or all of the evenings.

Annual Christmas Fair

Annual Fair takes place on Sun. 3rd Dec. from 11am – 4pm. An ideal opportunity to do some Christmas shopping while supporting local crafters and producers.

Further enquiries/bookings for any of the above, phone 057-8626253 or msannes@eircom.net

DEAF / HEAR

DeafHear.ie Portlaoise Outreach Clinic is now being held in the Citizens Information Centre, Kellyville Centre, Portlaoise. **November Clinic Tuesday 28th**. Tel/Minicom: (057) 9351606 Fax: (057) 9326425 Videophone: (057) 9326421 Text: (057) 9326421 Email: tullamore@deafhear.ie.

THE THREE TENORS IN CONCERT

Sun. 17th Dec. at 8pm in St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick. Tickets €25. Available from Mountmellick Parish Office 057 8624390 or Horan's Newsagents, Parnell Street. Special guests Emer Dunne accompanied by Antoinette Dickinson Kaur.

CHILDMINDED WANTED

Seeking reliable person to collect two children from Emo National School and bring to children's home. Initial six months is Mon. – Fri. & then three days per week. Hours 1.30 to 5.30 daily. Please call Sarah on 087-6655614.

LEA CASTLE COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Lea Castle Committee will take place on Mon. 11th Dec. in Port. Library at 8pm.

EMO N.S. PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection. €211 was collected and this will go towards the Children's Christmas party in the school.

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN

Would you be interested in helping out distributing leaflets for the Pro Life Campaign. Phone 087-6832674 or E-mail ailish29@gmail.com

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB Garryhinch / Cloneyhurke

Book Club Wed. 6th Dec. 8pm. All welcome.

YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 8th – 10th Dec. at Newbridge College. This weekend will attract over 600 young people from all over the country. What to expect: Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site! Don't let money be an obstacle; just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. Newcomers very welcome! There will be free buses picking up from various areas throughout the country. Booking is essential. Further info. or to book your place, see www.youth2000.ie, Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page or Tel: 00353 (0) 1 6753690.

LAOIS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Christmas Dinner will be held on the 10th December in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Seating at 1.30pm for dinner at 2pm. Price €25 per person. Early Booking essential. Phone Margo on 086-8440875

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Portarlington G.A.A. Centre, McCann Park. Special offer fee €35 payable on the first day. For every week you are down weight you receive €5 back at the end of the challenge. Fee also includes complimentary Herbalife 6 day ideal breakfast pack, meal plans, weekly nutritional talk, fun, support & advice.

Facebook Healthy Hub Port

Text WLC with your name & time to Bernie/John on 086-2596618. Booking essential as places are limited.



IRISH GRINDS

Junior and Leaving Certificate Irish Grinds available from an experienced Irish speaker. Practice oral exams, essay-writing, grammar and all areas of course covered. All levels catered for. Contact Áine on 085 8344378

MONSTER CHRISTMAS BINGO

Monster Christmas bingo €5,000 prize money on Sunday 26th November 2017 in Mountrath Community School at 3.00pm. Double book £15, Single book £10, Single sheet £2. Lots of spot prizes and a big cash raffle on the day. All welcome.

GRINDS

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

PUBLIC LECTURE

Carlow College, St Patrick's will host a Public Lecture given by Prof Kathy Johnston (College of Lake County, Illinois) entitled 'What should students be learning in the 21st Century'. Mon. 27th Nov. 1.45pm. All are welcome to attend.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA LOTTO

Results 20/11/2017. Numbers were: 03,07,08,15. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners were: Laura Cahill, Chris McCormack. Promoter - The Hatch. Next week's Jackpot: €3200. Thank you for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL – KNOCK SHRINE

The 45th Eucharistic All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Thurs. 7th – Fri. 8th Dec. The programme for the night begins on Dec. 7th at 10pm. Mass will take place at 4am on Dec. 8th. St. John's Rest & Care Centre will be open all night to facilitate pilgrims who are attending the vigil. Further info. contact Knock Shrine (094) 9388100.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 2017

The 4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza takes place on Sun. 17th Dec. at 8pm in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Mulled wine reception from 7pm. Tickets €10 available from the Love Port Office in the Community Centre & also from Lillian Shiels, Margaret Guijt Lawlor, Julia Leavy and Ann Bourke Dunne. This year's proceeds go to the Amber Wellbeing Committee, Coláiste Íosagáin.

SUAIMHNEAS AUTUMN PROGRAM

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas). Practice sessions every Thursday evening from 7.30-8.30pm. These evenings give participants an opportunity to practice different approaches to meditation. Cost €5. Booking essential.

Let Nothing Be Wasted

Tues. 21st Nov. 7.30pm – 9pm. Facilitated by Ailish Ridgeway. This workshop has been inspired by Pope Francis encyclical Laudato Si – Care of Our Common Home. Ailish will provide tips & insights on how to overcome the "Throw Away Culture" that is destroying our planet and harming our health.. Cost €10 including refreshment & home baking.

Mindful Christmas Workshop

25th Nov. 10am-4.30pm.

Spaces limited so booking essential. Tea/Coffee & delicious home baking.

E-mail info@suaimhneas.ie or

Phone 057 8626541.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Ten Pin Bowling resumes on Tues 14th November at 8pm. New members welcome.

MASS FOR HEALING

Tuesday 5th December

Venue: St. Paul's Church, Emo, Portlaoise.

Rosary at 7.45 pm and Mass at 8pm

Celebrant: Eddie Lawlor CC Portlaoise.

BOYS BRIGADE TEA / COFFEE MORNING

Sat. 2nd December in the Parochial Hall starting at 10.30am until 12 Noon. Cake and Crafts sales. All very welcome.


PORT. TEXT ALERT A.G.M.

Port Text Alert AGM will be held to communicate how in 2017 we have launched the Community Text Alert. Over the past 12 months the committee have been working on establishing a Text Alert Service to cover the town of Portarlington, Killenard and the surrounding areas which are currently not covered by a community text alert service. The service was launched in September 2017, At the AGM there will be an opportunity to sign up to the service which cost €10; we will also be looking for additional committee members.

For additional information contact porttextalert@gmail.com or the Love Port Office in the Community Centre.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

20TH NOVEMBER

 Numbers 2, 4, 6, 23 – No winner. €25 to each of the following:- Anna Byrne C/o Martha; Sean Egan C/o Hilary; Brianna & Liam O'Reilly, Emo; Rosie Connolly C/o R.K.; Mick & Kate C/o Gate House **Next week's jackpot €11,000**

HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE

Home Instead Senior Care is the largest non-medical home care provider in Ireland. This December we urgently require CARE GIVERS in County Laois. We offer Flexible Schedules, Weekdays, Weekends, Evenings. Experience is an advantage, training provided, Supportive and Responsive Office Staff. Please call Agnes on 045-484623 or email your CV to agnes.moloney@homeinstead.ie