

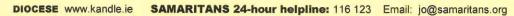
PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Monday - Friday) 6.15pm (Vigil - Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am Sun. St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil - Sat.) & 11am Sun.

Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sun

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2022 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 26th November - 6.15pm Margaret (Mag) Weldon, 2nd Anniv & Johnny Weldon, Lea; Declan Murphy, Woodbrook; Carmel Crombie, Pine Villa (6th Anniv.); John & Sunday 27th November 11am Mary Greene, Assumpta Tce, & their son Michael Greene; Pat Leavy, St. Michael's Park; Alice, Denis & Peter Walsh; Brendan & Mabel

McMahon, French Church St. & their daughters Ann & Dolores Jerry & Willa Murphy, Droughill,

John & Margaret Bolton, St. Michael's Park Sun. 27th November - 12.15pm Trevor Ennis, St. Michael's Park (M.M.) Sarah & Charlie Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce. & dec. members of the Keogh Family: Alice Maher, Woodview, The Lock (M.M.); George, Kay &

Mae Dempsey & dec. members of the Dempsey Family, Treascon; John Joe & Mary Dunne, Garryhinch & their son Patrick Dunne: Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St; Har Allen, Mountmellick

WEEKDAY ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 28th Nov. Esther Murphy Tues. 29th Nov. Special Intention Wed. 30th Nov. Kathleen & Luke & Bernard

Masterson Thurs, 1st Dec, Esther Kelly, St. Michael's Park (40th Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 27th November – 10.30am Alice Maher, Woodview, The Lock (M.M.) Kathleen Hickey, Lea Road (4th Anniv.) Gemma O'Sullivan, Killenard (11th Anniv.) Michael & Margaret Meehan, Tierhogar & Tony Jones; Patrick Coffey, Killenard; James McDonnell, Springfield & dec. members of the McDonnell Family; Fr. Tom Keogh & dec. members of the Keogh Family, Rathleash; James & Bridie Keogh; Alice Lalor, Rathleash; Kathleen Elmon (nee Keogh), Rathleash, Anthony Harkness, Dublin,

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week: Ann Downey, Droughill Thomas McEvoy, Killimy, Emo Nancy Cahill, New Zealand (Aunt of Anita Donoher)

Lauren Holt, Kildare Town (Gran Niece of the Greene Family, Assumpta Tce.) Harry Harmon, Kilnacourt Woods

FIRST FRIDAY - 1ST DECEMBER 2022

Masses as follows on the First Friday:-Portarlington: Fri.10am Killenard Fri. 7.30pm Rath: Thurs. 9.30am Emo: Fri. 9.15am

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 26th November 7.30pm Thady Gorman, Woodbrook, Bill Behan, Morette,

Catherine Horne & deceased members of the Horne Family

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 27th November - 9am

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism **Emo Parish** Róise Margo Comerford, Rathronshin

Hannah Beth Morgan, Courtwood, Vicarstown



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.

FR. MICHAEL CONNELL S.D.B. Celebrating the end of his Jubilee Year 50th Anniversary of his Ordination 来 III 来

You are all invited to the 10.30am Mass in St. John's Church, Killenard on Sunday 11th December, where Fr. Michael Connell will mark the end of his Golden Jubilee Year. After the Mass you are invited for refreshments in The Thatch as it was not possible to do this last year due to Covid 19 restrictions. This eception is Fr. Michael's 'Thank you'. No cards or presents please! - Your presence at the celebration is a gift in itself.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin on December 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against

the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards, as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy & Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016.

ADVENT WREATH

CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-

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St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Link to live streaming from

Portarlington & Emo Parish

church-portarlington

@EmoParish

YEAR A

The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. As we light the candles each week, we are made aware of our journey through the Advent

Season. The use of evergreen leaves around the candles reminds us that God's love is everlasting.

A BLESSING PRAYER

Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesusl

JESSE TREE

The Jesse tree tells about the ancestry of Jesus through symbols and relates Scripture to salvation history progressing from creation to the birth of Jesus.



THE EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2022

This year's Emigrant Newsletter is

available and on sale after all Masses this weekend. Over 100 pages of news, views, history and folklore. Great value at €5. The following local shops will stock copies of the Newsletter:-



Centra, Kilmalogue; Earley's, Kilmalogue; Spar Express, Station Rd; Burbages, Main St; Super Valu; The Post Office; Fletcher's Newsagents, Main St; Slevins, Bracklone St; Central Stores. Main St; Sheila Dunne, Rathmiles. Dowlings Gala, Killenard; The Village Coffee Shop, Ballybrittas, Murphy's French Church Street and The Parish Office, Portarlington.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT





Featuring singers, Anthony & Victoria McGorian accompanied by pianist Tom Conroy.

Sunday 11th December - Starting 4pm St. Michael's Church, Portarlington Songs / Hymns will include 'Walking in the Air', 'Count your Blessings', 'White Christmas, 'O'Holy Night and many more classics. All are very welcome to attend - Donation only.

SANTAS HELPERS

This is a local cause for people in towns and villages in the County. Many in low paid incomes or where a life circumstance has radically changed incomes. The family receives relief from another expense, or are able to concentrate on paying for something else to keep their home and their family moving forward. Every year donations of €5, €10, €20, €50 by multiple people has gotten the job done Also if you can help with fundraising let us know. https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/santash elpers2022 Also, contact Ann Bourke-Dunne at 087 4116101.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 21/11/2022 Numbers: 30 19 02 13 - No jacknot winner

€50 to each of the following:-Lil Geoghegan / Claire Keegan / Jacki Tobin / Caroline Whelan / Cam McGettrick Next week's Jackpot €3,400

KILLENARD SENIOR CITIZENS

Killenard Senior Citizens Committee arrange a number of events each year for the Senior Citizens of Killenard and surrounding areas. Currently we are looking for new members to bring new ideas and motivation going forward. If you would like to help out, please contact any member of the Committee or you can phone Vincent Hogan at 087 6255909.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING 2022

Faith Development Services (K & L) are delighted to provide the Annual Advent Scripture Sharing Booklet for 2022. The booklet can be downloaded free of charge on:https://www.kandle.ie/advent-scripture-sharing-

booklet-2022/ PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI 2023

Led by Fr. Liam Merrigan & Msr. John McEvoy Visiting Assisi 25th - 27th May / Visiting Rome 27th - 31st May. Total cost: €1,265 per person. Deposit €150. Reservations Phone Tullys Travel on 059-9136100

ALONE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in this area. Full training and support provided. If interested, Contact the following: 086 1085965 or https://alone.ie/volunteers/

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College from 9th -11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged beween16-35. Great fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks & workshops, fantastic music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, reconciliation, prayer, drama, games & plenty of time to chill out. Meet new people & find out what it means to be young & Catholic today! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

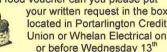
This weekend we welcome the children who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2023 to the celebration of Mass in the various churches. A

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday of Advent in St. Michael's Church. Portarlington from 5 to 7pm. Weekly Adoration continues on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL Christmas Food Voucher Appeal

Portarlington Lions Club are organising their Christmas Food Voucher Appeal. Anyone needing a food voucher can you please put



December. Any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed. Please also make sure that you include your name, contact number and address. Confidentiality assured. As our resources are limited food vouchers will be granted on a needs basis.

MOUNT ST ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, KILLENARD ADVENT RETREATS

"FINDING OUR TRUE SELVES DURING Facilitated by Fr Willie Purcell Cost: €350

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND LIVED AMONG US (Jn 1:14)
7th - Sat. 10th December.

Cost: €350 "WHEN PEACEFUL SILENCE LAY OVER ALL

...." (Wis. 18:14)
Thurs. 15th – Sun. 18th December. Mass 4pm Sunday. Facilitated by Fr Seamus O'Connell. Cost: €350

NEW YEARS EVE RETREAT

New Year's Eve Mindfulness Retreat Fri. 30th December - Sun. 1st January. Mindfulness practices, New Year's Eve ritual, nature, good food and wellbeing. Facilitated by John Doherty (Beehive Mindfulness School)

For bookings phone 057 8626153 or email secretary@mountstannes.com

EMO PARISH LOTTO 8 8 8

Draw will take place on Monday next, 28th November in the Old School, Emo. Jackpot €6.800. Tickets €2 each. As this is the only fundraiser for the Parish, your support would be greatly appreciated. If you could sell a book of tickets or help on Monday evenings to check the tickets contact the Parish office. Tickets available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlington.

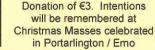
SOLAS Christmas Craft Market and Santa's Grotto, today, Sun. 27th Nov. from 11-4pm.

CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTS

Santa's truck is coming to Portarlington, to Market Square on Sat. 3rd December between 6pm - 8pm. Come and visit Santa's Truck Grotto - Santa's truck is raising money for the Laura Lynn Foundation, so please donate on the night for this great cause. We will also be switching on the Christmas Tree Lights. If you wish to donate towards the Christmas tree there is a donation box in Brian Whelan's shop, Main Street or you can donate online through https://gofund.me/c235cad3

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS Portarlington & Emo Parishes

Christmas Mass Bouquets available at the Parish Office. Donation of €3. Intentions



Parishes over Christmas season.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND



Christmas cards and 2023 Calendars now on sale in the Parish Office, Calendars €10 each or two for €15 / Two Packs of cards €6. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

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 BOFIIE2D 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 BOFIIE2D Emo Church No. 1 Account IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54 Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

The Lectors new Rota up until March 2023 has been sent to all volunteers for Killenard & Portarlington Churches The Eucharistic Ministers Rota is also updated until March 2023. This rota is available on the Church notice board or you can pick up a copy in the Sacristy or the Parish Office Training for new Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers due to commence after Christmas.

EMO ART GROUP THANK YOU!

Emo Art Group thank everyone who supported them at their Annual Craft Fair. €453.50 was raised from ticket sales, from our raffle. This will be rounded up to €800 and given to St Vincent De Paul in Portarlington. Winners of the prizes were Angela Strong, Malo, Lisa Traynor, Liz Kelly, Don Millner and David Donagher, Winners will be contacted to collect prize. Thanks to everyone involved.



SLEEPING BAG APPEAL

The sleeping bag appeal is going well. Thank you for all donations to date. We still welcome donations of new sleeping bags, hats, gloves, white socks, crisps and chocolate. We will be distributing all donations during week two of December. You can still donate - I eave items in to A.L.E.R.T. (Forklift & Safety Training Company, Botley Lane Industrial Park (Beside Clown Around). Phone: 085 7434884