

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



Advent

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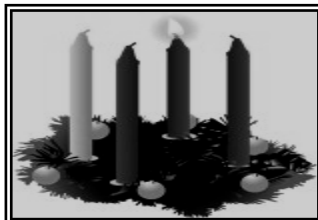


MASS TIMES

**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 2nd DECEMBER, 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 3rd Dec. 10am ---
Tues. 4th Dec. 10am ---
Wed. 5th Dec. 10am ---
Thurs. 6th Dec. 10am ---
Fri. 7th Dec. 10am Danny, Ellen & James
 Malone & Dec. members of the Malone Family,
 Gracefield



Saturday 1st December – 6.15pm

Ann Burbage, Bishopswood (1st Anniv.); Mick &
 Molly Dunne, Cloneyquinn; Dec. members of
 the Dowling Family, St. Michael's Park; Paddy
 Confrey; Luke, Bernard & Kathleen Masterson;
 James & Christina Lawrence, Annamoe; Owen,
 Bridget, Marie & May Finlay; Michael &
 Maureen Mulligan, Bishopswood; Kathleen &
 James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce.

Sunday 2nd December – 12.15pm

Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (3rd Anniv.);
 Eileen & John Clarke; John Cummins, Marian
 Hill & dec. members of the Cummins Family;
 Elizabeth Flanagan, Glasshouse; Joe O'Connor
 (61st Anniv.) & Peg O'Connor (5th Anniv.);
 Dec. members of the Bourke, Walsh, Douglas &
 O'Meara Families; Christopher & Della Dunne;
 Maureen Glynn, St. Brigid's Square; Aine
 Dunne-Ledwith, Canal Road; Adam Finlay;
 Danny Hynes; Michael Gibson, St. Michael's
 Park; Garreth Keogh, Snr. Patrick Street

Saturday 8th December – 6.15pm

Kevin Slattery, Spa St. & Botley Court (1st
 Anniv.); Richard Mangan, Spa St. & Dec.
 members of the Slattery Family; Margaret
 Kennedy, Gracefield; James Jaffray, Station
 Rd, Annie (Nan) Donoher, Bellegrave,

Sunday 9th December – 12.15pm

Mary Douglas, Bishopswood (M.M.)
 Patricia Cunningham, Station Rd. (1st Anniv.)
 Clare O'Byrne, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
 Larry Taffe, Ardee; Mick Flynn, Tallaght

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 2nd December – 10.30am

Jeremiah Culleton, Rathleash

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

The Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Rota for
 Nov. 2018 to Nov. 2019 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 for your
 service during the past year. If there are any
 Parishioners who wish to become Eucharistic
 Ministers/Lectors contact the Parish Office.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 1st December – 7.30pm

Nuala Hyland, Morette
 Jack & Maureen Nerney, Cappakeel
 Jim Nerney, 'The Poplars', Cappakeel
 Thady Gorman, Woodbrook

Sunday 2nd December – 11am

James Morrin, Coolbanagher; John & Dan
 Doheny, Mountrath

Saturday 8th December – 7.30pm

Philip Carney, Killimy
 Daniel Keane, Rath
 Mary Commins, New Inn, Emo
 Robert Pigott, Woodbrook

Sunday 9th December – 11am

Patrick (Patsy) Mangan, Caron

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 2nd Dec.

Thomas Donoher, Rath (M.M.)
 & his father, Thomas Donoher

DECEASED

We pray for the following who died recently:
**Kevin Keogh, Crowe Lane & Ballybrittas
 Tom Smith, New York & Granard**
 (Brother of Florrie Cryan)

**Veronica Kiernan, Died in England (Burial
 Sat. 8th Dec. 1.30pm St. Michael's Cemetery)
 Kathleen Hickey, Kilmullen**

CHRISTENING

We welcome into our Christian Community
 Alice Rose O'Neill, 1 Foxcroft Street

FIRST FRIDAY – FRIDAY 7th DEC. 2018

Masses for the First Friday as follows:-
 Rath Thurs. 9.30am
 Emo Fri. 9.15am
 Portarlington 10am Friday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

HOLY DAY – SATURDAY 8th DEC. 2018

Masses for the Holy Day will be
 celebrated as follows:-
Portarlington: 10am & 6.15pm (Vigil)
Killenard: 10.30am
Rath: 9am
Emo: 7.30pm (Vigil)

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2018

The Emigrant Newsletter is now on sale in the
 following shops: Centra, Kilmalogue / Spar
 Express, Station Rd. / Burbages, Main St. /
 The Post Office / Fletcher's Newsagents, Main
 St. / Slevins, Bracklone St. / Central Stores,
 Main St. Also available in the Parish Office.
 Price €4.

LECTORS (READERS)

8th / 9th December

Portarlington:

Sat. 10am Lector / 6.15pm Sarah Dunne /
 Sun. 9am Tom Hainsworth /
 12.15pm Noel Brennan

Killenard:

Sat. 10.30am Maureen Molloy
 Sun. 10.30am John O'Byrne

Emo:

Sat. 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke
 Sun. 11am Ann Deering

Rath:

Sat. 8th Dec. 9am Margaret Donoher
 Sun. 9th Dec. 9am Michelle Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8th / 9th December

Portarlington Sat. 10am Team C / Sat. 6.15 /
 Sun. 9am & 12.15pm Team D
Killenard Sat. 8th Team B / Sun. 9th Team C

CHRISTMAS STATIONS - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed
 so generously to the recent collection for the
 support of the priests of the parish.



WALKING INTO ADVENT TOGETHER

Bishop Denis warmly invites people & clergy
 from across the diocese to join him, as we
 begin our Advent journey, for a celebration of
 Evening Prayer today, Sun. 2nd Dec. in the
 Cathedral of the Assumption at 5pm,
 December 2nd. The music for this diocesan
 celebration will once more be led by the
 Kandle Diocesan Choir. At this Advent
 Evening Prayer Bishop Denis will anoint an
 icon written to depict the Third Mystery of
 Light: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of
 God. An image of this icon with helpful
 information to assist people pray the Mysteries
 of Light during Advent, alone or as a family,
 will be this year's parish Reach out Gift.

CHURCH COLLECTORS DECEMBER 2018

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Liam Fitzpatrick &
 Michael Whyte Jnr.
 Sun. 11am Michael Moloney & Tom Mulhall
Sacred Heart Church, Rath
 9am Tommy Wilson & John Lowry

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Next rehearsal will take place on
 Tues. 4th Dec. at 10.30am in St.
 Michael's Church. Great turn -
 out last week. Everybody:
Welcome / Witany / Fáilte / Bienvenue



ADVENT WREATH



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.

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.



TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY MASS FOR HEALING

Mass for Healing will be celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Emo commencing with Rosary at 7.45pm and Mass at 8pm on Tues. next, 4th December. Celebrant Fr. Eddie Lalor CC, Portlaoise. All very welcome to attend.

VICARSTOWN GOOSE CLUB

Vicarstown Goose Club will be held at the new Community Centre, Vicarstown on Sat. 8th December approx. 7.30pm. A good night is in store for everybody.



RECITAL - Portarlington Concert Band

The inaugural recital of Portarlington Concert Band will take place on Thursday 6th December commencing 7.30pm in Portarlington Golf Club. Also featuring on the night, the Men's Choir of Portarlington Golf Club. Subscription €10. Come along for a great night's entertainment

O DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 26/11/2018.

Numbers were: 13,14,22,23. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €6400. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

Dinner Dance

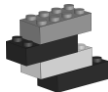
O'Dempsey's GFC Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday the 26th Jan. in Judge Roy Beans, Killenard. Please save the date!

Juvenile Hamper

Juvenile Christmas hamper tickets are now available to collect off any committee member or contact Tommy Fallon on 087-0946699.

DONATIONS OF LEGO!

6th year LCVP class in Coláiste Iosagáin are holding a Lego collection to help fundraise for the Jack and Jill Foundation. If you have any extra Lego lying around that you do not want any more, please drop it into the secondary school. There you will find a box available in the School Reception (Mon. - Fri. 9am - 4pm) with the name of our LCVP teacher, Ms Gannon.



ALTERATIONS / DRESSMAKING LESSONS

For anyone interested, we provide alterations / dress making & lessons. Contact Ann. Wed. to Sat. Over La Belle Boutique (Main St.). Phone Ann on 086-3531999

BATTERY RECYCLING PROJECT

Emo Tidy Towns, Laois Co Co, Emo National School and W.E.E. Irl. jointly launched a "Used Battery Recycling Project" to run from now until early Feb.2019. All batteries collected will generate funds for the Laura Lynn charity. We appeal to everyone to collect all sized used batteries over the Christmas period. K.M.K. metal recycling has provided boxes and barrels to Emo N.S. for collection of batteries.



This project is also part of the "Emo Green Schools Programme". We hope it will be a great success and it will help protect our environment.

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS TREE

31 years and still going strong!

Switch on - Sun. 2nd Dec. (today). Kiddies party 3-5pm / Santa will arrive in the Grotto at 5pm. The School Bands will perform & the Ryan Family Choir will be singing. Christmas tree will be switched on at 5.30.

CHRISTMAS WALK FOR CHILDLINE

Thursday 6th December, 2018 - 7pm.

The staff at Adrian Dunne Pharmacy, Portarlington wants to make sure that EVERY child gets the support they need on Christmas Day. They have arranged a 5K Christmas Walk in Derryounce Woods on Thurs. 6th Dec. commencing at 7pm from the Pharmacy on Main Street. There is a small cost of €5 per person / €10 per family with refreshments being served after the walk.

We would welcome your support for this great cause - all proceeds go directly to Child line. Remember - it shouldn't hurt to be a child.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

The next Book Club will meet on Wed. 5th Dec. at 8pm. All welcome.

SUAIMHNEAS, CAPPAKEEL, EMO

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Every Thursday evening 7.30-8.30pm. An opportunity to practice different approaches to meditation. Followed by refreshments/Cost €5

Meditation & Prayer

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm. A time of meditation, scripture reading, sacred music & reflection. Refreshments served. Cost €5.

Further details and booking contact Anne or Mai on 057-8626541

Visit website www.suaimhneas.ie

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS

CAROLLERS

Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday 16th December 2018

Commencing 4pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

All are welcome. Admission FREE.



LEGALLY BLONDE MUSICAL

Coláiste Iosagáin, Portarlington

Wed. 5th / Thurs. 6th & Fri. 7th December commencing 7.30pm. Tickets on sale from Colaiste Iosagáin (057-8623407) Reception from 1.30-2pm Tues. to Thurs. at €10 each. Also on sale in Brackens, Main Street.

ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A.

End of Year Party



Calling all players, parents & families. Please come along to our "End of year celebration Party" which will take place on Fri. 7th Dec. in The Gandon from 7pm - 10pm. Refreshments served. All welcome.

SOUL JOURNEY

Would you like accompaniment on your Soul Journey. Need a space to explore your spiritual life? Contact Aisling Brennan, Trainee Spiritual Accompanist, Mount Henry Art Studio, Killenard (Phone 087-7139015) for further information.



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If you are interested in attending art therapy workshop/s contact Aisling on 087-7139015

E-mail trueselftrueart@gmail.com.

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EMO / RATH

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Emo / Rath Senior Citizen Committee host the Christmas Party today, Sun. 2nd Dec. in the Gandon Inn commencing 1.30pm sharp. Music by Geraldine & Kinfolk.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Due to the Emo / Rath Senior Citizens Party Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held today, Sun. 2nd December.

'WHISPERINGS OF MY SOUL'

Book Launch & Social Evening



Fr. Sean Hyland Invites you to the Launch of Whisperings of My Soul to be launched by Bishop Denis Nulty. Hymns & Carols by Finnegan-Newell Choir. Irish Dancing Exhibition by Burbage School of Dancing. Friday next, 7th Dec. in McCann Park, G.A.A. Centre, Canal Road, Portarlington. Commencing 8pm. All very welcome.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

26th November, 2018

Numbers: 14, 15, 19, 24 - No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:

Peggy Ward C/o Vera / Anna Luttrell C/o Maeve / Matthew Wilson C/o Mick / Mena O'Connell C/o Maeve / Rose Smith C/o Emo Shop

Next week's Jackpot €3,000

RED DRESS / FESTIVE DRESS NIGHT

Taking place Friday Dec. 7th at the Forge at the Anvil Inn. Time: 8.30pm. Tickets €10 each. All proceeds for the night in support of local community projects by the P.C.D.A. The biggest being the Derryounce Project. Tickets now available. Contact the Love Port office at 085-8568801.



PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

2018 CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL



Portarlington Lions Club are again organising their Christmas Food Appeal and anyone needing a food hamper can you please put your request in writing into the box located in Portarlington Credit Union on or before **Wed. 12th December, 2018.**

Can you also make sure that you include your contact number on your request.

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Cookbook on sale - A Taste to Remember in our Resource Centre with beautiful recipes & stories - Ideal Christmas gift at €20 also Christmas Cards for sale €8.50 per dozen. Last Social Club of 2018 Thurs 13th Dec. 2.30-4pm in Ballard Lodge Nursing Home, Borris Road for people with Dementia and their carers. Further info. On dementia contact Ann Munnely on 057 8663398 / 086-8372168 Home-care Coordinator 47 Main Street, Portlaoise, Co Laois R32 VRX8 Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

WANTED

Would anyone have VHS or BETA tapes of the Rath Variety Show pre 1990 (especially March 1989)! If available all tapes will be returned. Contact Michael on 057-8626263.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Christmas Appeal

St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting at all Masses in the Parish of Portarlington the weekend of Sat. 8th and Sun. 9th December. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause.