



# 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.

**DIOCESAN WEBSITE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) **SAMARITANS** 1850 60 90 90 or 0902 73133 **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 087 7640557  
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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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 ✕ Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ✕ Year B

### ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 10am ---  
Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 10am Helen Kennedy  
Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 10am Nuala Murphy, Main Str.  
Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am ---  
Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am ---

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December – 6.15pm

Sheila (Julia) Gorry, St. Brigid's Square (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Deirdre Conroy, Lea (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Maureen McDermott, Garryhinch (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael Costello, St Patrick's Tce. (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Pat Butler, Station Rd; Christopher Mooney, Kilbride House; John & Annie Dunne, Son, Peter & Daughter Bridie; Patrick & Dora Goley, Roskeen

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 12.15pm

Sheila (Julia) Gorry, St. Brigid's Square (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Lauri Lawlor Snr. (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Lauri Lawlor Jr. (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Kilbride; Marie Kelly, Bracklone St; James Kennedy, Gracefield; Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St.

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January – 6.15pm

Patricia Cunningham, Station Rd. (M.M.)  
Ann Burbage, Bishopswood Rd. (M.M.)  
Carmel Finnegan (nee Kelly); James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina; Eamon Scott, Shandra; Stephen McCormack, Direen, Cloneygowan; Tom Murphy, Corrig; Mary Kenna, Graiguecullen; Patrick Ryan, Bracklea Hse., Lea Rd. & Arlington Est. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) David & Theresa Malone, Assumpta Tce., Mary Kinsella (nee Malone) & deceased members of the Malone Family; Dermott Crossan & Catherine Crossan

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 12.15pm

Kevin Slattery, Botley Court (M.M.)  
Paddy (Doody) Dunne & his parents, Michael & Elizabeth Dunne, Bracklone Street; Ann Connolly, Spa St; James & Kathleen Walsh; Leah Youster; John & Diana McCague, Station Road

### WORD OF THANKS

The Priests of the parish congratulate all who attended at the Christmas Ceremonies in such great numbers. We thank all those who contributed to the support of the Priests. We thank the Organists, Choirs, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, those who decorated the four Churches and who erected the Cribs.

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE – 1<sup>st</sup> JAN. 2018

#### "Migrants & Refugees"

#### Men and Women in search of peace

This is the theme of the message for the Church's 51<sup>st</sup> World Day of Peace celebrated on Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

"Peace to all people and to all Nations on Earth"

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 10.30am

Christina Nicholls (nee Boland), Bracklone St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am

Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacuum

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm

May Rowe, Killimy; Martin Buggy, Knightstown

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January – 7.30pm

Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 11am

Paddy Delaney, New Inn Cross (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 9am

Tim O'Connell, Coolroe; Mary Nugent, Bellgrove; Sarah Whitbrerad

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 9am

Anne Tynan, "Copperbeechn", Jamestown & her mother, Anne Delaney, Coole, Monasterevin  
Paddy & Mary Flynn, Cobh, Cork

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

#### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Esther Egan, Kilmalogue Garden  
Laura Lunska, The Glen, Kilnacourt

#### FIRST FRIDAY – 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018

Friday next, 5<sup>th</sup> January is the First Friday of the Month. Masses as follows:-

Portarlington: Friday 10am

Emo: Friday 7.30pm

#### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – HOLY DAY

#### SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018

Portarlington: 10am & 6.15pm (Sat. night)

Killenard: 10.30am

Rath: 9am

Emo: 7.30pm (Sat. night)

### PRAYER FOR THE FEAST

#### OF THE HOLY FAMILY



*O God, bless our family  
and all its members and friends;  
bind us together by your love.  
Give us kindness and patience  
to support each other;  
and wisdom in all we do.  
Let the gift of your peace come into our  
hearts and remain with us.  
May we rejoice in your blessings  
for all our days. Amen.*

### LECTORS

#### Holy Day / 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**PORTARLINGTON:** 10am (Holy Day)  
Mgt. Doyle / 6.15pm Frank Smith / 9am Ailish  
Ridgeway / 12.15pm Emma Dunne

**KILLENARD:** Holy Day 10.30am Stephen  
Kealy / Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Niall Briody

**EMO:** 7.30pm Ellen Dunne /  
11am Frances Kerry

**RATH:** Holy Day 9am Greg Fogarty /  
Sun. 9am Kathleen Wilson

### EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

#### Holy Day / 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Portarlington: Sat (Holy Day) Team D /  
Weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Team A  
Killenard Sat. Holy Day Team C / Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
Team D

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

#### SACRAMENT SUN. 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

#### Emo 3-7pm

Angela Pigott & Antoinette Mullen  
Rath 2.30-6.30pm

### 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 Donohoe

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January. Please note our 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.

You can e-mail notices to

[portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

#### SACRAMENT

Resumes Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> January in St. Michael's  
Church after Mass until 7pm.

### A NEW YEAR'S

#### PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
and cause our Spirits to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year and  
for all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,  
so that in our time,  
many will see the wonders of God  
and live forever to praise Your glorious name.  
Amen



**CONFIRMATION 2018**

**Sacred Heart NS, RATH**  
Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

**St. Paul's NS, EMO**  
Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> April 2pm

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, KILLENARD**  
Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.30am

**St. Patrick's Boys NS PORTARLINGTON**  
Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11am  
Presentation Primary School,  
**PORTARLINGTON & CLONEYHURKE NS**  
Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018**



**Sacred Heart NS, RATH**  
Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**St. Paul's NS, EMO**  
Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, KILLENARD**  
Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**St. Patrick's Boys NS, PORTARLINGTON**  
Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am  
**Presentation Primary School,**  
**PORTARLINGTON & CLONEYHURKE NS**  
Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID  
PILGRIMAGE 2018**



The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the  
**8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price €799  
per person sharing. For booking contact Marie  
on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813, or,  
indeed, any member of the Committee.  
**Wishing everyone a Happy & Peaceful  
New Year.**

**KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN  
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018**

K & L Diocesan Pilgrimage leaving 16<sup>th</sup> July  
2018 for 5 nights. The pilgrimage will be led by  
Bishop Denis Nulty. €739 per person sharing.  
If interested contact Joe Walsh Tours on  
01 2410802 or email [info@jowalshstours.ie](mailto:info@jowalshstours.ie)

**PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN**

Would you be interested in helping out  
distributing leaflets for the Pro Life Campaign.  
Ph: 087-6832674 or email [aillshr29@gmail.com](mailto:aillshr29@gmail.com)

**COLAISTE IOSAGAIN**

Would like to take this opportunity to invite  
Incoming First Years to our **Open Night** in  
Coláiste Íosagáin. The evening will commence  
at 8pm on Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2018. Speakers on  
the night will outline the induction procedures,  
the care processes in the school and the  
extensive range of subjects on offer. You will  
be offered an application form to enrol your  
son/daughter. We will be only too happy to  
answer any questions or queries that you may  
have. Refreshments will be served on the night.

**INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY**

St. Patrick's College, Carlow is running an  
Introduction to Psychology Evening Course  
from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. – 8<sup>th</sup> March every Thurs. from  
7-9pm. Further info. contact: Alison Brennan,  
E:AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie, T: 059 91  
53200, or see [www.CarlowCollege.ie](http://www.CarlowCollege.ie).

**PARISH CALENDAR 2018**

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



**NEW YEAR PRAYER**



*Holy Father,  
God of our yesterdays,  
our today, and our tomorrows.  
We praise You for Your  
unequaled greatness.  
Thank You for the year behind us and  
for the year ahead.  
Help us in Your new year, Father,  
to worry less and laugh more.  
To teach our children to laugh  
by laughing with them.  
To teach others to love  
by loving them.  
Knowing, when Love came to the stable  
in Bethlehem,  
He came for us.  
So that Love could be with us,  
and we could know You.  
That we could share Love  
with others.  
Help us, Father, to hear Your  
love song in every sunrise,  
in the chirping of sparrows  
in our backyards,  
in the stories of our old folks,  
and the fantasies of our children.  
Help us to stop and listen to  
Your love songs,  
so that we may know  
You better and better.  
We rejoice in the world  
You loved into being.  
Thank You for another new year and for  
new chances every day.  
We pray for peace, for light,  
and for hope, that we might  
spread them to others.  
Forgive us for falling short  
this past year.  
We leave the irreparable past in your  
hands,  
and step out into the unknown  
new year knowing  
You will go with us.  
We accept Your gift of a new year and  
we rejoice in what's ahead, depending  
on You to help us do exactly what You  
want.  
I say it again, we rejoice!  
In Jesus name,  
Amen.*



**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed  
so generously to the recent Christmas  
Collection for the support of the Priests of the  
Parish. We are very grateful for your  
contribution.

**EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO**



**Next jackpot €11,800 - Draw will take place  
on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**The Priests of the Parish  
wish all Parishioners a  
HAPPY & PEACEFUL  
New Year**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**2018**

**Ash Wednesday** 14<sup>th</sup> February  
**Good Friday** 30<sup>th</sup> March  
**Easter Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**Ascension** 13<sup>th</sup> May  
**Pentecost** 20<sup>th</sup> May  
**Trinity Sunday** 27<sup>th</sup> May  
**Corpus Christi** 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent** 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**THANK YOU**



The Ryan Family & Friends Carol Singers  
thank you for your generous contributions  
which will go to charity. Thanks also to  
Supervalu for the use of their premises.

**GRINDS - ENGLISH & GERMAN**

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

**ENROLMENT TO SCHOOLS**

**Scoil Naomh Eoin - Killenard**  
Enrolment forms available from the School  
Reception from Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. Closing date for  
enrolment is Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 5pm.  
**Presentation Primary School - Station Road**  
Collect a form to request an enrolment  
available from the Junior School Office from the  
8<sup>th</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> January 9am - 1pm.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. This  
contribution goes towards the upkeep of  
schools, churches & parish buildings. Thank all  
who contributed during the past year.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

For the year 2017, any Parishioner who gave  
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 2017, 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.



**CHEQUES**



Due to Bank requirements, all cheques made  
payable to the Parish should have the correct  
Account name.

**Portarlinton Parish:**

*Portarlinton Parish Number 1 Account*

**Emo Parish:**

*Emo Parish Number 1 Account*

**Priests Collections**

*Portarlinton: Portarlinton Clergy Fund*

*Emo: Emo Clergy Fund*

Individual Priests names should not be  
written on the cheques.

**"TOWARDS PEACE"**

The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a  
safe supportive space, where people who have  
been affected by abuse in a Church context  
can be accompanied, as they seek their own  
experience of spiritual peace, one step at a  
time. Phone 1800 303 416 (ROI) & 0800 096  
3315 (NI & UK) Email  
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