



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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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



Advent

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2017 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

### ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am Margaret Mann-O'Neill  
Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am Dead List  
Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am ---  
Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am Denis Brennan,  
St. Michael's Park

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am Richard Mangan, Spa St.  
7.30pm Delia & June Conway, Congress Tce.

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 6.15pm

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

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 12.15pm

Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (1<sup>st</sup> 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;

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 6.15pm

Margaret & Charles Fogarty, Dublin  
Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; Eamonn  
Mullen, Bracklone St. (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Mary &  
Martin Fitzgerald, Tom & Bridie Fitzgerald,  
Nurney; Paddy Confrey & dec. members of the  
Dowling Family, St. Michael's Park; James &  
Christina Laurence, Annamoe

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 12.15pm

John Noonan, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.);  
Clare O'Byrne, Station Road (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.);  
James (Jim) Jaffray, Station Road;  
Tom & Lily Coogan, Arlington Estate; Edward  
& Elizabeth Coogan, Shiphouse

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 10.30am

Una Kehoe, Ballycarroll

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am

Mary Flanagan, Killenard; Alice Lalor;  
Fr. Tom Keogh; James & Bridie Keogh; Dec.  
members of the Keogh Family, Rathleash

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

#### HOLY DAY – FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DEC. 2017

Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated  
as follows:-

Portarlington: 10am & 7.30pm  
Killenard: 10.30am  
Rath: 9am / Emo: 7.30pm



### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 7.30pm

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

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 11am

James Morrin; John & Daniel Doheny

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm

Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas; Mary Commins, New Inn;  
Daniel Keane, Rath; Mary & Brian Fenlon, Emo

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 11am

Patrick (Patsy) Mangan, Caron (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Robert Pigott, Woodbrook

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 9am

Bridget Boland, Jamestown; Paddy Foley, Kilberry

### DECEASED



Please pray for the following who died recently:

Alan Mulhall, Stradbally & Emo  
Bridget (Bridie) Mulhall, (nee Slevin) Coolock,  
Dublin & formerly Killenard,

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community  
through Baptism:-

#### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Sophie Anna Coughlan, Clanmalire  
Sheila Ger O'Reilly, Millbrook Manor  
Aine Margaret Holohan, Treascon

### ADORATION - PORTARLINGTON

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

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each Sunday of  
Advent after the 12.15pm Mass until 3pm.

### 2017 EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER

The Emigrant Newsletter is on sale 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.

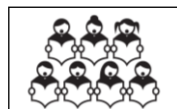


### CHURCH CHOIR

#### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Welcome Fáilte, Witany, Bienvenue

Rehearsals for Christmas  
Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup>  
December in St. Michael's  
Church. All very welcome.



### LECTORS

PORTARLINGTON: 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am  
Morning Lector / 7.30pm Anne Dunne  
Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.15pm Mgt. Doyle / Sun. 10<sup>th</sup>  
9am John Prior/12.15pm Micheline Murphy

KILLENARD: 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.30am George  
O'Sullivan / 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.30am Clare  
Kirrane

EMO: 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm Ellen Dunne  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm Emmet Conroy /  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11am Doreen Dunne

RATH: 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9am  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9am Ted O'Loughlin

### EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

PORTARLINGTON: 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Team C  
Holy Day (8<sup>th</sup> Dec.) Team D

KILLENARD: Holy Day 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Team A  
Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Team B

### 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.

### 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

### COMMUNION CALLS



The sick and housebound will be  
attended during the week as follows:

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

Congress Tce., Crowe Lane, Orchard  
Drive, Whitefields, St. Brigid's Sq.,  
Bracklone St., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk.,  
Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Lea Rd.,  
Ballycarroll, Canal Court

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

Ballybrittas, Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown,  
Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Emo,  
Portlaoise Road, Coolbanagher,  
Knightstown, Killeen, Tinakill, Coolaghy

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

Kilmalogue Garden, Church View, Patrick  
Street, Assumpta Tce., St. Patrick's Tce.,  
St. Joseph's Tce., Gracefield, Avondale,  
Bog Rd., Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Sweep  
Road, Botley Court, The Square,  
Clondoolusk, Cushina, Bishopswood,  
Marian Hill

### **CHOIR PRACTICE - EMO**

Choir Practice will take place each Wednesday evening after that in St. Paul's Church, Emo. All welcome.

### **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

### **TEENAGE DISCO**

Christmas Teenage Disco will take place on Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 8-11pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Tickets for the disco will be on sale at a reduced rate of €8 from 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 12 noon in the Credit Union. Tickets on sale from Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup> December. Kick off 11am. If interested in playing, contact Alan Dunne 086-8145979 All are welcome - Don't forget your festive hat.

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

#### **Mount St. Anne's, Killenard**

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

### **THE THREE TENORS IN CONCERT**

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Port. Library at 8pm.

### **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](mailto:ailish29@gmail.com)

### **OLD SCHOOLHOUSE**

#### **PLAYSCHOOL**

The Old Schoolhouse Playschool are currently taking applications for September 2018 & September 2019, for application form contact Colette on 085 8225481 or Email [theoldschoolhouseplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:theoldschoolhouseplayschool@gmail.com)

### **ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB**

#### **Garryhinch / Cloneyhurke**

Book Club Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm. All welcome.

### **LET'S PRAY TOGETHER**

*God of all ages, as we journey through this time of Advent, wake us from sleep. Make us a watchful people that we may hear your message of love and peace. Help us to be ready, Lord, when you come, for we are trying to show your love here in our home and in our world. Let your blessing come upon us. Turn our hearts to you. Give us peace and joy as we wait to celebrate your birth. AMEN*

### **PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS**

#### **Christmas Concert**

##### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!**

### **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.

### **LAOIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK**

The next meeting of Laois Public Participation Network's Disability Special Interest Group will take place on Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise (Maryborough room). Further information available from Pamela Tynan at 057 8665661 or [ptynan@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:ptynan@laoiscoco.ie)

### **"OPORTO"**

#### **War in West Africa – A Memoir by Noel Bradshaw cfc**

"Oporto" is the story of Bro. Noel Bradshaw, a Christian Brother who was born in Lea, Portarlington, during the desperate time of the Civil War in Sierra Leone. Bro. Noel stayed and supported medical teams in providing assistance to friend and foe alike. Despite the sad story of the tragedy of this most violent war, the book presents the kindness, courage & love of many of the ordinary people of Sierra Leone. Available in the Parish Office or phone 087-2590369.

### **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 Aine on 085 8344378.

### **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 2017**

The 4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza takes place on Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8pm in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Mulled wine reception from 7pm. Tickets €10 available from the Love Port Office & also from Lillian Shield, Margaret Guijt Lawlor, Julia Leavy & Ann Bourke Dunne. This year's proceeds go to the Amber Well Being Committee, Coláiste Íosagáin. Tickets also on sale in the Portarlington Credit Union by the students of Coláiste Íosagáin on Friday & Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARACHUTE JUMP**

Well done to Terri Kenny Murphy who presented a cheque for €2,506 to Oak House Resource Centre. Terri thanks all who sponsored her for her recent Parachute jump. Terri did the jump in memory of her beloved brother Noel Kenny who passed away in 2016.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Due to the Emo / Rath Senior Citizens Party Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held on Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. (today).

### **ADVENT WREATH**

The candles reminds 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.



### **GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND**

Christmas cards and 2018 Calendars now on sale in the Parish Office. Calendars €5 each / Two Packs of cards €6. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

### **MASS FOR HEALING**

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

St. Paul's Church, Emo. Rosary at 7.45 pm and Mass at 8pm. Celebrant: Eddie Lawlor CC Portlaoise.

### **EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO**

#### **27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Numbers 6, 9, 13, 22 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:  
Eileen, Rosaleen & Deirdre C/o R.K.  
Andrew Burbage C/o Delaney's  
Tom McEvoy C/o Emo Shop  
Deirdre Lawlor C/o R.K.  
Kathleen Bourke C/o Emo Shop  
**Next week's jackpot €11,200**



### **RATH LADIES CLUB**

Rath Ladies Club are having their Christmas flower demonstration on Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8.30 in the Fisherman's pub. All welcome

### **GRINDS – ENGLISH & GERMAN**

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

### **ALL NIGHT VIGIL – KNOCK SHRINE**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. The programme for the night begins on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. Mass will take place at 4am on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **LAOIS HERITAGE SOCIETY**

Christmas Dinner will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **ENROLMENT – 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.

### **PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH ON**



Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> December (today) from 3pm to 6pm. Kiddies disco 3-5pm. Santa arrives at 5pm. Switch on at 5.30pm.

