



ADVENT

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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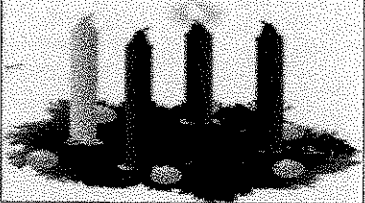
MASS TIMES

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.



CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington


Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**WEEKEND MASSES
PORTARLINGTON**

Saturday 2nd December – 6.15pm
 Teresa McMahon, Bracklone St. (3rd Anniv.)
 Tom & Ann Burbage, Spa Street; Maura, James & Patrick Crossan & deceased members of the Crossan Family; John & Eileen Clarke, Marian Hill; John & Margaret Bolton, St. Michael's Park;

Sunday 3rd December – 12.15pm
 Patricia Ivory (nee Bryan), Cloneyquinn (M.M.), & her husband, Tom Ivory (2nd Anniv.), Thurlus Adam Finlay, Crowe Lane; Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Terrace; Elizabeth Flanagan, Glasshouse (10th Anniv.)

**ANNIVERSARIES
KILLENARD**

Sunday 3rd December – 10.30am
 Sean Phelan, Brook Lodge, Fisherstown (M.M.)
 Mary McElwee, Mountmellick & Killenard (1st Anniv.); Catherine Finn, New Mill Court & Garryvacum (3rd Anniv.); Deceased members of the Finn Family; Kathleen Hickey, Kilmullen (4th Anniv.)

Sunday 3rd December 12 Noon
 Mary McElwee, Killenard & Mountmellick (1st Anniversary Mass)

**ANNIVERSARIES
PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)**

Thurs. 7th December
 10am – Una & Joe Mulhail, Cappakeel

*** DECEASED - R I P ***

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-

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Kathleen Malone (nee Kearney), Rosecourt & formerly Ballybrittas
 Gerard Hyland, Station Road
 Sarah Ann Kelly, Carn
 Regina (Gina) Smith, Mountmellick (Daughter of Joan Kenna, Derrymore)

**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.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 2nd December – 7.30pm
 Mary Commins, New Inn
 Nuala Hyland, Morette
 Jack & Maureen Nerney, The Poplars, Cappakeel; Ned & Beth Bailey, Cappakeel & deceased members of the Bailey Family

Sunday 3rd December – 11am
 Maureen Templey, Killimy (1st Anniv.)
 Noel Davis, Emo Park (3rd Anniv.)
 Deceased members of Emo Choir

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 3rd December – 9am
 Owen Boland, Ballintogher (1st Anniversary)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament commencing this Sunday & each Sunday of Advent in St. Michael's Church, from 5 to 7pm. Weekly Adoration continues on Tuesday's 10.30am – 7pm finishing with Rosary

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Friday next, 8th December 2023. Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated as follows:-
 Portarlington: 10am & 7.30pm
 Killenard: 10.30am
 Rath: 9am Emo: 7.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024



This weekend we welcome the children who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2024, to the celebration of Mass in the various churches.

PARISH MASS AUDITS

Bishop Denis has asked all parishes to conduct an audit of Mass attendance over last weekend and this weekend. An average attendance will be calculated from these figures. The audits are crucial in informing the local decisions of reducing the Mass schedules in the New Year.

**EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER
2023**

This year's Emigrant Newsletter has over 130 pages of news, views, history and folklore. Great value at €5. On sale now in the local shops.

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.

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 Jesus!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Christmas Choir practice continues on Tuesday next, 5th December in St. Michael's Church at 7.45pm and Saturday 9th December at 11am. Everyone welcome.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community:-

Darragh Paul Carroll, New Inn & Australia

CONFESSIONS 12 NOON & AFTER 6.15PM MASS IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION



The National Annual St. Vincent De Paul collection will take place at all Masses this weekend (2nd / 3rd December). Sincere thanks to everyone who supports St. Vincent de Paul, your donations are gratefully appreciated.

You can contact Portarlington St. Vincent de Paul on 087 7640557

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Christmas cards and 2024 Calendars now on sale in the Parish Office. Calendars €8 each / Pack of 8 Cards €6 / Buy one, get one free. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

LOURDES MEETING

A meeting of the Lourdes Committee will be held on Wednesday next, 6th December in St. Michael's Church at 7.30pm. Could all Committee Members please attend.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

Annual Collection for the Lions Christmas Voucher Appeal will be held on Fri. 15th & Sat. 16th December at Supervalu and at Centra, Main Street, Portarlington. These collections will help those less well off in our community. Thank you for your support over the years.



Those requiring help for Christmas, please place your letter of request in the box at Brian Whelan's, Main Street or Portarlington Credit Union. Confidentiality strictly adhered to.

EMO COURT AND PARKLANDS

Join us on December 10th from 2-6pm for a magical Christmas afternoon. Festive music, Christmassy drinks and treats, a beautiful festive atmosphere and if you haven't already done so you can post your letter to Santa from within the festively decorated rooms of Emo Court. Adm. Free. O.P.W.




CAROL SERVICE

A Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17th December at 7pm in the Church of the Ascension, Rathadaire. Everyone is very welcome to this community event. Donations will be sent to the Simon Community.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH PORTARLINGTON




Come along and enjoy the Portarlington Christmas Carolers Concert 2023.
Venue: St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Date/Time: Sunday 17th – Commencing 4pm.
Free Admission
Everyone very welcome.

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS


Used stamps needed for the missions. Kindly drop them into Delaney's, Bracklone Street.




LET'S PRAY TOGETHER FOR ADVENT



In the winter darkness, our Advent candle lights the way. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. God bless with your great light all those who walk in darkness tonight. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. *Amen.*

BALLYBRITTAS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



The Fisherstown Tractor & Truck Run are holding their Annual Christmas Lights Run on Sunday 17th December meeting at 4pm – Run will commence at 4.30pm. We will be doing a short run to Fitzpatrick's Junction 14 around 5pm. If you wish to join us with either your tractor or your truck lit up, you are more than welcome. Santa will be arriving on a Tractor into Ballybrittas at 6.30pm with something for all the children.

THANK YOU – EMO ART & CRAFT GROUP

Emo Art & Craft group thank everyone who supported their recent raffle at the Craft fair in Emo. Thanks to all who exhibited beautiful gifts and all who purchased them. €630 was raised for the New Autism Unit in Emo. This will be available in case anything extra is needed for a child attending Emo National School. Thank you for your support.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

(Supporting bereaved parents)
 Monthly Parent evening for bereaved parents takes place Wed. 13th Dec. at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. Free event. We also offer an online service. Further info: 01 4045378

SUM OF MONEY LOST AT RATH CHURCH LAST SUNDAY. IF FOUND CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish group meet every Wednesday from 7.30pm-9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown. Ideal opportunity for Leaving Cert students to practice for upcoming Irish Oral exams. Contribution of €2 (from adults only). Cupan tae agus chat. Bigi linn.

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND

Annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge will take place from 8th – 10th December for ages 16 – 35 years. 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 whilst finding out what it means to be young & Catholic today! Free buses leaving from all over the country. Donation only. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION AGM

The Credit Union AGM will take place on Tues. 5th December in Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road at 8pm. All members welcome.

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 BOFIE2D
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 BOFIE2D
Emo Church No. 1 Account
 IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54
Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account
 IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

Lotto.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO
 Week No. 1217 – Date: 27th Nov. 2023.
 Numbers 8, 11, 19, 20 – No. Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-
 Marc Carney C/o B. Gorman / Chris O'Halloran C/o Mena / Aaron Carroll C/o B. Wheeler / Barbara Dunne C/o B. Wheeler / Ber Keane C/o Deirdre.
 Next draw takes place on Mon. 4th Dec. with a Jackpot of €5,400.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO
 Week No. 48 – Numbers 31, 28, 13, 29
 No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:-
 Darren Kelly / Ella Foster / Christine Dunne / Madeline Brady / Martina Gallagher
 Promoters prize: Tom Garry
 Next week's Jackpot €9,400

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Portarlington & Emo Parishes
 Available in **Portarlington Parish Office.**
Donation €3. Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlington / Emo Parishes over Christmas.

CONCERT – CHRISTMAS CLASSICS



Piano Man Tom & tenor Dominic McGorian Christmas Classics, with special Soprano guest Jacinta Malone. Venue: Portlaoise Dunamais Arts Centre.
 Sat. 9th December commencing 8pm.
www.dunamais.ie Tel: 057 8663355

LOST

PAIR OF SPECTACLES
 If found, can you contact the Parish Office.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Lotto Results 27th Nov. – Numbers 12,18,26,29. Jackpot Winner: Cathal O'Neill, Ballyfin. (Seller Richie Slevin). No Match 3 Winners. Lucky Dips: Christine Dunne, Alice Maher. Promoter: Michael Finlay Sr. Next week's Jackpot is €3,000. Tickets available from our usual sellers.

Juvenile's Monster Hamper Raffle
 Back again for 2023. There is 1 x €500 hamper, 3 x €150 hampers to be won. All monies raised will be going back into our Juveniles. Tickets available now from Juveniles & online at www.odempseysgfc.ie and at SuperValu 15th and 16th December.