

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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 4th December, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 5th Dec. 10am ---
Tues. 6th 10am Mary Keegan, (M.M.)
 Bishopswood
Wed. 7th 10am Danny, Ellen & James Malone
 & deceased members of the Malone Family,
 Gracefield
Thurs. 8th 10am Richard Mangan, Spa St.
Thurs. 8th 7.30pm Denis Brennan, St.
 Michael's Park (5th Anniv.)
Fri. 9th 10am ---

Saturday 3rd December – 6.15pm

Michael & Maureen Mulligan, Bishopswood;
 James & Christina Lawrence, Annamoe, Denis
 Delaney, Spa St, Marie Crofton, Patrick St;
 James Colgan, Clondoolusk & deceased
 members of the Colgan Family, Bishopswood

Sunday 4th December – 12.15pm

Adam Finlay, Crowe Lane (4th Anniv.);
 Peg O'Connor (4th Anniv.) & Joe O'Connor
 (59th Anniv.), Bracklone Street; Dec. members
 of the Bourke, Walsh, Douglas, O'Meara &
 Dunne Families; Elizabeth Flanagan,
 Glasshouse; James Jaffray, Station Road; Ned
 & Mindy Kelly, St. Michael's Park (30th Anniv.)

Saturday 10th December – 6.15pm

Eileen Hurley, Cloneyquinn (M.M.)
 Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; Redmond
 Hanlon, Gracefield; Frances O'Sullivan (nee
 Hanlon), Australia & formerly Gracefield;
 Eamonn Mullen, Bracklone St. (11th Anniv.);
 Liam & Bernadette Maloney, St. Brigid's Sq. &
 Dec. members of the Maloney Family, St.
 Michael's Park

Sunday 11th December – 12.15pm

Maureen & Pat Gorman, Church View;
 Eugene & Mary Boland, Main St;

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 4th December – 10.30am

Una Kehoe, Ballycarroll
 James & Bridie Keogh, Rathleash, Fr. Tom
 Keogh & dec. members of the Keogh Family;
 Alice Lalor, Rathleash

Sunday 11th December – 10.30am

William (Billy) O'Leary, Killenure (M.M.);
 Mary Flanagan, Killenard

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR :-

*Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Terrace
 Carmel Crombie (nee O'Reilly), Pine Villa
 & Marian Hill; James O'Flaherty, Main Street
 Nora Raymond (nee Sharpe), London &
 formerly Treascon*

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 that can transform people's lives. Choose from
 Trocaire's range of gifts & help more people
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 408 or online at 222.trocaire.org/gifts.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 3rd December – 7.30pm

Nuala Hyland, Morette (1st)
 Mary & Brian Fenlon, Bracknagh & formerly
 Emo; William Behan, Morette

Sunday 4th December – 11am

James Morrin, Coolbanagher,
 John Doheny, Dan Doheny,
Saturday 10th December – 7.30pm
 Josephine Greene, Killimy Road (M.M.)
 Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas; Daniel Keane, Rath;

Saturday 10th December – 7.30pm

Mary Commins, New Inn, Emo;
 Robert Pigott, Woodbrook

Sunday 11th December – 11am

Patrick (Patsy) Mangan, Caron (4th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 4th Dec – 9am

Bridget Boland, Jamestown
 Paddy Foley, Kilberry

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community
 through Baptism:



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

*Jennifer Rose O'Brien Simmonson, San Diego
 Jack Oliver Simmonson, San Diego*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

HOLY DAY – THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

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

Portarlington: 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard: 10.30am

Rath: 9am **Emo:** 7.30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each
 Sunday of Advent from 3pm – 5pm.

COMMUNION CALLS

The sick and housebound will be attended
 next week as follows:

Tuesday 6th December 2016

Congress Tce., Crowe Lane, Main St., Orchard
 Drive, Station Rd., St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone
 St., St. Michael's Pk., Foxcroft St., Portlaoise
 Road, Kilbride, Woodbrook, Corrigan, Lea Rd.,
 Closelands, Ballycarroll, Kilmullen,
 Rathleash, Killenure

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken,
 Cappakeel, Morette, Kennells Cross,
 Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen,
 Tinnakill, Coolaghy

Thursday 8th December 2016

Assumpta Tce., St. Patrick's Tce.,
 St. Joseph's Tce., Avondale, Bog Rd.,
 Gracefield, Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Patrick St.,
 Shandra, Church View, Botley Court, The
 Square, Clondoolusk, Cushina

LECTORS - NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington
 Thurs. 8th Dec. 10am Kit Ennis / 7.30pm
 Margaret Doyle

Sat. 10th Dec. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne /
 Sun. 11th Dec. 9am Sadie Hainsworth /
 12.15pm Kieran Dunne

Killenard

Thurs. 8th Dec. 10.30am Tom Coleman
 Sun. 11th Dec. 10.30am Declan Kिरrane

Emo

Thurs. 8th Dec. 7.30pm Sadhbh Hanneffy
 Sat. 10th Dec. 7.30pm Ellen Dunne
 Sun. 11th Dec. 11am Jean Horne

Rath

Thurs. 8th Dec. 9am Eoin O'Connell
 Sun. 11th Dec. 9am Brian Nolan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

THIS WEEKEND – 3rd & 4th DECEMBER

PORTARLINGTON

Team B - Sat. 3rd Dec. 6.15pm S. Knight / S.
 Kiernan / P. Dempsey / M. Finlay
 Sun. 4th Dec. 9am H. Tinkler-Dunne / A.
 Hennessy / J. Murphy /

12.15pm M. Smith / C. Garry / E. Mitchell
 J. Dempsey / L. Cooper

Team C - Thurs. 8th Dec. 10am - J. O'Neill /
 M. Murphy / Z. Young / T. Bolton
 7.30pm - M. Houlihan / B. Keegan /
 P. Delaney / M. O'Neill

KILLENARD

Team C - Sun. 4th Dec. 10.30am C. Cahill / D.
 Campbell

Team D - Thurs. 8th Dec. 10.30am A. Allen /
 B. Dalton / P. Dalton

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Due to the Emo / Rath Senior Citizens Party
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will
 not be held today.

TEACH MUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

Mass for Healing will be celebrated
 in St. Paul's Church, Emo on Tues.

6th December at 8pm.

Celebrant Fr. Jim Bermingham.



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.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Portarlinton

Fri. 9th Dec. from 8-10 pm we invite you to join the pupils, parents, staff & extended community of St Patrick's BNS in Portarlinton Community Centre, for a night of music, dance, fashion & ethnic cuisine. See the exhibitions of student work & enjoy the opportunity to meet new people & learn about the many different & vibrant cultures in our community. Proceeds in aid of the Cuisle Centre. Your support on the night would be most welcome.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR Christmas Carol Service



Sunday 18th December 2016

in St. Michael's Church Portarlinton
Commencing at 5pm

Come along with your family & friends to enjoy traditional Carols along with some festive cheer. Treats for all the children & for the grown-up's who join in!

LAOIS HERITAGE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sun. 11th Dec. 1.30pm for 2pm. Venue: The Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise. Four course Christmas menu €25 per person. Early booking essential, contact Margo 086-8440875.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

The 4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza will take place once more in the Heritage Hotel Killenard on Sun. 18th Dec. at 8pm.



Tickets can be bought from Julia Leavy, Ann (Bourke) Dunne, Margaret Guijt Lawlor & Lillie Shiels.

Also call to the Love Port office in the Community Centre. Tickets €10. Proceeds this year to the Portarlinton Lourdes Invalid Fund & the Portarlinton Community Development Association ongoing Projects. A great night assured as usual.

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

Portarlinton area / 5 days per week from January 2017. Look after 3 year old & a 7 month old in their own home. Kind, reliable, non-smoker with experience required. The 3 year old attends playschool 12.30-3.30pm during term time 5 days per week which is a 3 minute walk, so a car is not essential if living locally. Please contact 086-6030091.

PORTARLINGTON SPEAKERS

How to improve your performance in business meetings, motivating people, job interviews, selling ideas or products, and solving problems? Portarlinton Speakers is where you can practice speaking before an audience in a friendly supportive club, you can learn communication and leadership skills, and make new friends. Anyone interested is invited to come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 6th December at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. It is fun; it is entertaining; it is rewarding, and it is on your doorstep but we need additional members if we are to continue in the New Year. See us on Facebook.

FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATION

Tues. 13th Dec. - Floral Art Demonstration. "A Time of Wonder" with Christine Huges AOIFA. Venue: Solas Bhríde Centre, Tully Road, Kildare Town. Time: 8pm - 9.30pm. Cost: €10 (incl. Tea/coffee).

LAOIS M.A.B.S.

Money, advice & budgeting service

MABS Outreach will attend on Friday 9th Dec. from 9am - 1pm in Portarlinton Community Centre - NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY. Further info: 076-1072620.

EUCCHARISTIC ALL NIGHT VIGIL KNOCK

All night Vigil will take place on Wed. next, 7th Dec., commencing with confession in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 10pm followed by Vigil at midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Candlelight Procession, Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh, S.C.A. Concelebrated Mass will take place at 4am with Fr. Freddy Warner, S.M.A. The Vigil will be available to watch live on the Knock Shrine website: www.knockshrine.ie/watch. Further info. (094) 93 88100 / info@knock-shrine.ie

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2016

The Emigrant Newsletter is on sale in the following shops. Centra, Kilmalogue, Spar Express, Station Rd., Burbage's Supermarket, Fletchers, Central Stores, Slevins, Bracklone St. & the Post Office, Portarlinton. It is also available from the Parish Office - €3

LIVE TURKEY AUCTION

Coláiste Íosagáin (as part of their Transition Year initiative), have set up a Mini Company with the assistance of Mr. Mitchell. They are rearing 22 turkeys & bought a heifer, which is due to calve in March. They have been issued shares to purchase these & buy feed for them & operate a feeding rota, which gives everyone a chance to work with the animals / birds. This is a real-life Mini-Company and they are enjoying the experience. As part of this, students have organised a live auction in Coláiste Íosagáin canteen for the free-range, oven ready turkeys, on Thurs. 15th December at 6.30pm. Mr. Noel Dunne from the Farmer's Journal will run the auction on the evening. Some of the profits from this initiative will be donated to St. Michael's Conference of St.

Vincent de Paul, Portarlinton and the Portarlinton Christmas Street Lights. Please come along and support our Turkey Auction by bidding for a free-range, oven ready turkey and help us raise funds for two great local organizations. Queries contact Mr. Mitchell on 0861639153.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - MOUNTMELICK

Sun. 4th Dec. (today) from 1-6pm. Over 50 stalls, visitors from the North Pole, a free fun bus for the kids and live entertainment.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA LOTTO RESULTS

28/11/2016 Lotto Results. Numbers 01,02,08,14. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €13,800. Thank you for your continued support.

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 Portarlinton this weekend (Sat. 3rd & Sun. 4th Dec.) Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

SOCIAL DANCE

Fri. 9th Dec. in St. Brigid's Social Club, Garryhinch. Music by "The Sailors". 9pm-11.30pm. Refreshments served. Raffle on the night. Adm: €10. All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON C. E. PROJECT LIMITED

Social Services Assistant - Ref. No. CES-2024316 - Closing Date 16th December 2016. Category - Cook / Location: Portarlinton, Co. Laois. / Temporary 19.5 hours per week. Please contact your local DSP Employment Services / Intreo Office to check eligibility and to apply for this vacancy.

LEA CASTLE A.G.M.

Monday 5th December at 8pm in Portarlinton Community Centre. All welcome.

EMO GAA - AGM

Sat. 10th Dec. at 3pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

ADVENT - A TIME OF HOPE

It is said that while there is life there is hope. This has an even deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life.

Hope is strength.

Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.

It inspires the will to live.

It is the doctor's most powerful ally.

It is a shield against defeat and failure.

It revives ideals and renews dreams. As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible. Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the final analysis, he is our hope.



AUGMENTED PARISH CHOIR

For Christmas Eve Carol Service, sung Midnight Mass and Charity Concert. Practice will take place Tues. next, 6th Dec. at 7.30pm (sharp) in the Choir loft of St. Michael's Church. All welcome. Fáilte, Witamy, Kuwakaribisha. Excellent standard so far!

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Youth 2000 Ireland will be holding their annual Christmas youth retreat in Newbridge College from Fri. 16th - Sun. 18th Dec. 2016. Over 600 young people aged 16-35 years are expected to attend this donation only event & all newcomers welcome. Book online & bring a sleeping bag if you wish to avail of on-site accommodation. Reg. on the Friday evening. Free buses also available. Further info. 222.Youth2000.ie & see us on Facebook.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S / FAMILY MASS

A Children's / Family Mass will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton at 6pm on Christmas Eve this year. If there are any children in the Parish who would like to take part in a nativity play during the Mass please contact Sinead Dunne on 087-9062942.

EMO PARISH LOTTO 28/11/16

Numbers: 2, 4, 14, 18, - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Deirdre Lawlor, c/o Hilary; Michael Dempsey, c/o Maeve; Miriam Strong, Morette, c/o Emo Shop; Mick & Laura Behan, c/o Colette Ann Phelan, c/o Vera
Next week's jackpot €2,400

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Christmas cards and 2017 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.

ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS

A group of people from Portarlinton are aiming to provide assistance to the homeless. Volunteers are needed to help cook dinners. Produce is supplied from businesses. Non-monetary donations very welcome, such as:- Soap, toothpaste toothbrush sleeping bags duvets, coats, food or, indeed, anything you can donate to help is appreciated. Contact Tony Morrell on 086 3431926 or call to No.40 Bracklone Street or No. 3 St. Brigid's Square.

CARE SKILLS LEVEL 5

QQI Level 5 Care Skills module including patient moving and handling training on 8th Dec. If interested kindly contact 05793 22920.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS 29th NOV. 2016

LETTERS: W, B, G, F. No winner. Next Jackpot €5,400. Draw takes place on 13th Dec.

PORTERHOUSE PLAYERS PRESENT

"It happened at the Hotel Hollywood"
A comedy in three acts. Venue: The Railway Bar - Tues. 6th Dec. at 8pm. A great play & a great nights entertainment. Craft stand. Tickets at door €5.

