

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



Advent



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## MASS TIMES

### St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

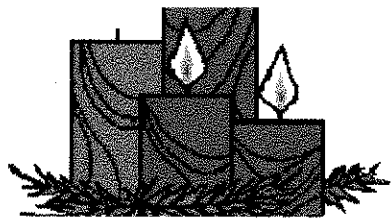
10am Daily Mass (Monday - Friday)  
6.15pm (Vigil - Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

### 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

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
[@EmoParish](https://twitter.com/EmoParish)

## SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, 2022

## 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

## YEAR A

### WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 3rd December - 6.15pm

Teresa McMahon, Bracklone St. (2nd Anniv.)  
Michael & Maureen Mulligan, Bishopswood;  
Maura Crossan, James Crossan, Pat Crossan & dec. members of the Crossan Family  
Kathleen & James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce;  
Ann & Thomas Burbage, Spa St.; Joe & Peg O'Connor, Dec. members of the Bourke, Walsh & Douglas & O'Meara Families; Eileen & John Clarke, Marian Hill, Deceased members of Portarlington Parish Choir & deceased members of the Female Funeral Choir, St. Michael's Church

#### Sun. 4th December - 12.15pm

Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua, (7th Anniv.)  
Adam Finlay, Crowe Lane; Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce; Garrett & Dora Keogh, Patrick's St; Elizabeth Flanagan, Glasshouse; Patsy & Esther Murphy, Station Rd. & Lea; Dec. members of the Doyle & O'Connor Families, Treason; Kathleen & John Murphy, Treason & London; Eilish & Timothy Devaney, Treason & Nenagh; Michael, Marian & David O'Brien, London, Sheila & Frank Mc Cague,

### WEEKDAY ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 5th Dec. ---  
Tues. 6th Dec. ---  
Wed. 7th Dec. ---  
Thurs. 8th Dec. Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Fri. 9th Dec. Patricia Cunningham, Station Road

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 4th December - 10.30am

### DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:  
Robert Smart, Drogheda & Avondale,  
Anthony Coughlan, Bracknagh,  
Kathleen Lynch, Kilcock, Co. Kildare  
(Mother of Margaret Maher, Carriglea,  
Maureen Templey, (nee Byrne) Killimy, Emo  
Mary McElwee, Killenard & Mountmellick,  
Anne (Nancy) Bryan, (nee Murphy)  
Cloneygowan,  
(sister of Joe Murphy, Marian Hill)

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm

Mary Commins, New Inn (Anniv. / B/Day Rem.)  
Nuala Hyland, Morette, (7th Anniv.)  
Mary & Brian Fenion, Emo & Bracknagh,

#### Sunday 4th December 11am

Noel Davis, Emo Park (2nd Anniv.)  
John & Dan Doheny, Mountrath

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 4th December - 9am

Richard Oldfield; Ann, Eamon & David Mullen & deceased members of the Mullen Family

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

#### Emo Parish

Caden Peter Sherlock, Lea, Portarlington.

#### Portarlington Parish

Ella Abigail Cullen, St. Joseph's Tce,  
Ollie James Mulhare, Portlaoise.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday 8th December we celebrate the feast day of Mary, remembering that from the first moment of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, Mary was preserved free from original sin, she was full of grace.

Masses will be celebrated as follows:-

PORTARLINGTON: 10am & 7.30pm

KILLENARD: 10.30am

EMO: 7.30pm RATH: 9am

### CHRISTMAS STATIONS



Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Stations for the support of the Priests of the Parish, which took place last weekend. If you wish, you can still contribute to this collection - There are envelopes in the envelope boxes & also at the Church Porch. Alternatively, you can drop your donation into the Parish Office or you can donate on-line or through your bank. This is one of the five times during the year you give to the direct support of the priests of the parish & this support is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

## Second Sunday of

## ADVENT

### ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER AT BEDTIME

Loving God, on this Advent night we turn to you in prayer. As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask you to bless our family. Comfort us with your healing and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace.

Help us to forgive and to love, and to bring your peace where it is needed.

May your peace guard our hearts, our minds and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Together we pray: Come, Lord Jesus.

### FR. MICHAEL CONNELL S.D.B.

Celebrating the end of his Jubilee Year 50th Anniversary of his Ordination



You are all invited to the 10.30am Mass in St. John's Church, Killenard on Sunday 11th December, where Fr. Michael Connell will mark the end of his Golden Jubilee Year.

After the Mass you are invited for refreshments in The Thatch, as it was not possible to do this last year due to Covid 19 restrictions. This reception is Fr. Michael's 'Thank you'. No cards or presents please! - Your presence at the celebration is a gift in itself.

### THE EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2022

The Portarlington / Killenard Emigrant Newsletter is now on sale in the following shops at €5 each.

Centra, Kilmalogue;  
Earley's, Kilmalogue;  
Spar Express, Station Rd; Burbages, Main St;  
Super Valu; The Post Office; Fletcher's

Newsagents, Main St; Slevins, Bracklone St; Central Stores, Main St; Sheila Dunne, Rathmiles, Dowlings, Gala, Killenard; The Village Coffee Shop, Ballybrittas, Murphy's French Church Street and The Parish Office, Portarlington.



## ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring singers, Anthony & Victoria McGorian accompanied by pianist Tom Conroy.

### Sunday 11th December - Starting 4pm

#### St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Songs / Hymns will include 'Walking in the Air', 'Count your Blessings', 'White Christmas', 'O' Holy Night and many more classics. All are very welcome to attend - Donation only.

### SANTAS HELPERS

This is a local cause for people in towns and villages in the County. Many in low paid incomes or where a life circumstance has radically changed incomes. The family receives relief from another expense, or are able to concentrate on paying for something else to keep their home and their family moving forward. Every year donations of €5, €10, €20, €50 by multiple people has gotten the job done.

Also if you can help with fundraising let us know. <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/santashelpers2022> Also, contact Ann Bourke-Dunne at 087 4116101.



### Loving God,

On this Advent day we turn to you in prayer. As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.

Bring your healing upon us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace.

May your peace guard our heart, our mind and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Together we pray: Come, Lord Jesus.

### KILLENARD SENIOR CITIZENS

Killenard Senior Citizens Committee arrange a number of events each year for the Senior Citizens of Killenard and surrounding areas. Currently we are looking for new members to bring new ideas and motivation going forward. If you would like to help out, please contact any member of the Committee or you can phone Vincent Hogan at 087 6255909.

### YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College from 9th - 11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged between 16-35. Great fun, 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 & find out what it means to be young & Catholic today! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)



### CHRISTMAS CHOIR 2022

We hope to perform a full programme of music this year after covid restrictions have receded.

Proposed practices:

Tues & Weds 6th & 7th December. Tues & Weds 13th & 14th December and Tues & Thurs 20th & 22nd December at 7.30pm. New members welcome, Singers live longer (official) Sunday 9am Mass as always.



## SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin on December 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards, as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy & Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016.

### CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday 18th December at 7pm in the Church of the Ascension, Rathadaire. All welcome to this community event.



### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday of Advent in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington from 5 to 7pm. Weekly Adoration continues on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.

### LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

#### Christmas Food Voucher Appeal

Portarlington Lions Club are organising their Christmas Food Voucher Appeal. Anyone needing a food voucher can you please put your written request in the box located in Portarlington Credit Union or Whelan Electrical on or before Wednesday 13th December. Any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed. Please also make sure that you include your name, contact number and address. Confidentiality assured. As our resources are limited food vouchers will be granted on a needs basis.

### MOUNT ST ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, KILLENARD

#### ADVENT RETREATS

#### THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND LIVED

#### AMONG US (Jn 1:14)

Wed. 7th - Sat. 10th December.

Cost: €350

#### "WHEN PEACEFUL SILENCE LAY OVER ALL

#### ...." (Wis. 18:14)

Thurs. 15th - Sun. 18th December.

Mass 4pm Sunday. Facilitated by Fr Seamus O'Connell. Cost: €350

For bookings phone 057 8626153 or email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

#### 28/11/2022

Numbers 27, 26, 08, 25 - No Jackpot Winner. Winners of €50 - Andy Carroll, Deirdre Doyle, Sonia Doyle, Eamon Brereton, P.J. Duffy Ann Crossan. Next week's Jackpot €3,600.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

#### CLONDEYHURKE R32 CY89

Dancing lessons continue every Monday night with Dolores Casey 7.45pm to 9.15pm. €8 each night.

Keep Fit on Wednesday nights with Eimear Mathews 7pm to 8pm €5 also Keep Fit with resistance bands on Friday nights with Trisha Flynn 7pm to 8pm also €5 Senior Citizens Christmas Party this Sunday 4th December commencing at 2pm.

### USED STAMPS

Used stamps needed for the missions. Drop them into 'The Nook', Patrick St. Portarlington.



## CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Portarlington & Emo Parishes Christmas Mass Bouquets available at the Parish Office.



Donation of €3. Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlington / Emo Parishes over Christmas season.

### GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Christmas cards and 2023 Calendars now on sale in the Parish Office. Calendars €10 each or two for €15 / Two Packs of cards €6. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

### 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

### NCBI CHARITY SHOP

NCBI is delighted to celebrate the opening of our new charity store at The Tannery, Link Rd, Portarlington, on Thurs 8th Dec. We invite members of the local community and beyond to visit the store and sample some of our top quality pre-loved clothing, accessories and more. Donations are accepted at our Portarlington store as are expressions of interest in volunteering at the store. You can contact [shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie](mailto:shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie)

### SLEEPING BAG APPEAL:

The sleeping bag appeal is going well. Thank you for all donations to date. We still welcome donations of new sleeping bags, hats, gloves, white socks, crisps and chocolate. We will be distributing all donations during week two of December. You can still donate - Leave items in to A.L.E.R.T. (Forklift & Safety Training Company, Botley Lane Industrial Park (Beside Clown Around). Phone: 085 7434884

### EMO/RATH LOTTO 28/11/22

Numbers 1, 5, 14, 20, - No winner. €25 to each of the following: Ann Marie Lowry, c/o Maeve, Betty & John Phelan, c/o Maeve, Des Christie c/o Maeve, Keogh Family c/o Ann Deering, Helen Fenlon, c/o Ann Deering

#### Next week's Jackpot €7,000

As this is the only fundraiser for the Parish, your support would be greatly appreciated. If you could sell a book of tickets or help on Monday evenings to check the tickets contact the Parish office. Tickets available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlington.