

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 8TH DECEMBER, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR 'A'

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 9th Dec. 10am ---

Tues. 10th Dec. 10am Kevin & Ann Timmons;
 Michael & Kathleen Kelly, Athy

Wed. 11th Dec. 10am Redmond Hanlon; Frances
 O'Sullivan (nee Hanlon), Gracefield

Thurs. 12th Dec. 10am Michael Hanlon,
 Assumpta Terrace

Fri. 13th Dec. 10am Thomas Kennedy, St.
 Michael's Park

Saturday 7th December – 6.15pm

Ann Burbage, Bishopswood Rd. (2nd Anniv.);
 Patricia Cunningham, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.);
 Kevin Slattery, Spa St. & Botley Court (2nd
 Anniv.); Dec. members of the Slattery Family;
 Richard Mangan, Spa St; Paddy Confrey & dec.
 members of the Dowling Family, St. Michael's
 Pk; John & Christina Lawrence, Annamoe;
 Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; William &
 Bernadette Maloney, St. Brigid's Sq.; Dec.
 members of the Maloney Family;

Kathleen & James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce;
 Mick & Mollie Dunne, Cloneyquinn;

Margaret Mann-O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square;

Sunday 8th December – 12.15pm

Seamus Murphy, St. Michael's Pk. & Dublin
 (M.M.); Jim Fahy, Arlington Est. (2nd Anniv.);
 Eugene & Mary Boland, Main St; Clare O'Byrne,
 Station Rd; Jim & Josie Flanagan, Gracefield;
 Eileen Dickenson; Eileen & John Clarke, Marian
 Hill; Christy Dunne (40th Anniv.) & Della Dunne;
 Maureen Glynn; Aine Ledwith (nee Dunne); Joe
 & Peg O'Connor & dec. members of the
 Douglas, Bourke, Walsh & O'Meara families,
 Ned & Mindy Kelly & their daughter Frances,
 St. Michael's Park; Patrick & M.A. (60th Anniv.)
 McCreesh, Co. Armagh; Margaret Mann-
 O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square

Saturday 14th December – 6.15pm

Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Terrace
 Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Sunny
 Flanagan, Gracefield; Eamon Mullen, Bracklone
 St.; James Colgan, Clondoolusk & dec.
 members of the Colgan Family, Bishopswood;

Sunday 15th December – 12.15pm

Marie McNelis, Pine Villa (1st Anniv.)
 Cyril O'Brien, The Hawthorne (1st Anniv.)
 Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square
 Paddy Young, Bracklone St; Liz Hyland, Pine
 Villa; Josephine & James Nolan & dec.
 members of the Nolan Family, Walsh Island

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 8th December – 10.30am

Martin Terrett, Derrymore

Sunday 15th December – 10.30am

Michael Whelehan, Ballycarroll (M.M.)
 Patrick Flanagan, Killenard (1st Anniv.)
 & Mary Flanagan, Killenard, Christy Carroll, (Jnr)
 & Deceased members of the Carroll family,

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 7th December – 7.30pm

Robert Pigott, Woodbrook
 Mary Commins, New Inn
 Daniel Keane, Rath
 Mary & Brian Fenlon, Emo formerly Bracknagh
 Joe Mulhall, Cappakeel

Sunday 8th December – 11am

Patrick Mangan, Caron (7th Anniv.)

Saturday 14th December – 7.30pm

Philip Carney, Killimy
 Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas
 Christy Carroll, Ballybrittas

Sunday 15th December – 11am

Brigid Delaney, Killeen (1st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 15th December – 9am

Eamon, Anne & David Mullen; Syl & Elizabeth
 Mullen; Paddy & Cora O'Dwyer

DECEASED

Prayers are requested for the following
 who died recently:-

Gerard Dixon, Whitefields & Tallaght

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community
 through Baptism

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Colm Martin Maher, Ballymorris Court
 Dylan Tony Walsh, Crann Nua

EMO PARISH

Sean Alan Suckling, UK & Coolbanagher
 Blake Gemma Fiona Breen, Killimy

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.



CAKE SALE & RAFFLE

Emo / Rath Athletic Club. Cake sale this
 morning, Sun. 8th Dec. at 11.30am. We would
 be delighted if the community would call into
 Emo Community Hall after Mass for a cuppa and
 a bun. Some lovely hampers to be won. Raffle
 tickets €1 a strip and 6 strips for €5. Proceeds
 going towards a new kit for the athletes.

LECTORS (READERS)

14th / 15th December 2019

Portarlington: Sat. 6.15pm Catherine
 Finegan; Sun. 9am Ailish Ridgeway
 Sun. 12.15pm Anne Dunne

Killenard: Sun. 10.30am John O'Byrne

Emo: Sat. 7.30pm Paul Donnelly

Sun. 11am Stephanie Lewis

Rath: Sun. 9am Kathleen Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

14th / 15th December 2019

Portarlington Team B

Killenard Sheila Dunne; Johnny Carey;
 Teresa Briody (New Team A)

COMMUNION CALLS

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

Tuesday 10th December, 2019

Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive, Whitefields,
 Station Rd; New Mill Court; Station Court;
 St. Brigid's Sq., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk.,
 Portlaoise Road, Lough; Lea Road; Lea

Wednesday 11th December, 2019

Ballybrittas, Belgrove, Rath, Courtwood,
 Fisherstown, Morette, Coolaghy; Killimy;
 Coolbanagher; Knightstown; Killeen;
 Tinnakill; New Inn; Portlaoise Road

Thursday 12th December, 2019

Church View; Patrick St; Assumpta Tce.,
 St. Mary's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce.,
 Gracefield, Avondale, Bog Rd., Main St;
 Garryhinch, Sweep Road, Bishopswood,
 Cushina; Clondoolusk.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION 2019

Today, Sun. 8th Dec. is the Second Sunday
 of Advent; therefore, the Feast of the
 Immaculate Conception is transferred to
 Mon. 9th December & is **NOT** a holy day
 of obligation.

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

New members very welcome to Join St.
 Michael's Christmas Choir. Rehearsals in
 St. Michael's Church as follows:

Tues. 10th Dec. 7.30pm

Sat. 14th Dec. 10.30am

Tues. 17th Dec. after Penitential Service

Thurs. 19th Dec. 7.30pm

GOAL MILE CHRISTMAS MORNING

Create a family memory attend
 the GOAL mile. 11am (start) to 11.30am
 (end) Christmas Day at Portarlington GAA
 CLUB – Run, Walk or Jog. No registration
 required. Just turn up!

NATIVITY PLAY

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

A little Nativity Play will take place during the 6pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve in Portarlinton. If there are any children aged between 6 & 12 years who would like to take part in the play, contact Sinead Dunne on 087-9062942 / email sineadvdunne@gmail.com. The requirement will be to attend 2 to 3 rehearsals between now and then.

BINGO – OAKDALE NURSING HOME

BINGO at Oakdale Nursing Home every Tuesday at 3pm sharp. All very welcome.

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. 7th & Sun. 8th December. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed over the years. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause. Helpline Number 087-7640557.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto Results 2.12.2019

Numbers: 2, 5, 11, 24 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Gerry Dempsey C/o Ann Lowry; Frank Fitzgerald C/o Maeve; Ann Deering C/o Ann; Angela Strong; Killian & Dylan Keane, Rath
Next week's Jackpot €4,600

AN ADVENT RETREAT

Mountmellick Parish will host an 'Advent Retreat' on: Wed. 11th and 18th of Dec. from 7.30pm to 8.15pm in St. Joseph's Parish Church. A guest speaker will share their insights and thoughts and help us consider what is the deeper meaning of Christmas. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

We invite all young people (16+) to come and experience this 4 day special event. Speakers: Shibu Kurian / Ainish Philip / Jose Kuriakose (AFCYM) / Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo (Apostolic Nuncio) / Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan (Diocese of Waterford & Lismore); Bishop Stephen Chirappanth (Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Europe) and several others. Dec. 27-30. 2pm – 4pm at Clongowes Wood College, Castlebrown, Clane, Co. Kildare. W19 DN40. Register www.afcmeteamireland.org

PORTARLINGTON PARISH OFFICE

Christmas Mass Bouquets available

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

Guide Dogs for the Blind: Christmas cards & 2020 Calendars now on sale. Calendars €5 each. Packet of 8 cards €6 / Two Packs of cards €10. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

O'DEMPSEY'S LOTTO

Lotto Results 02/12/2019

Numbers were: 02,08,17,21. No Jackpot winner this week. Match 3 winners were Lisa & Daryl Byrne, Larry Keogh, Mick Cobbe, Fionn Barry, Grace Whelehan, David Walsh, Charlie McGrath, Tommy Keegan. Promoter - Eddie Kelly. Next week's Jackpot: €16,000. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS 26.11.2019

Letters S, B, H, K – No Jackpot winner. €25 to Vincent Condrón & to Yasmin Devereux. Seller's prize: Noel Foy. Next Jackpot will take place on 10th Dec. 2019. Jackpot €10,000

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Do this in Memory – Week 2

Next weekend is the second weekend of our Parish Preparation Programme "Do this in Memory" when we will welcome the children who are preparing for First Eucharist and their families to the Mass Celebrations.

Presentation Primary School / Scoil Phadraig & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Sat. 14th December at 6.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sunday 15th December at the at 10.30am

Mass in St. John's Church, Killenard

St. Paul's N.S. Emo

Sat. 14th December at 7.30pm Mass

in St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sunday 15th December at 9am Mass

In Sacred Heart Church, Rath

"ITS BEGINNING TO SOUND A LOT

LIKE CHRISTMAS"

The Music department of Coláiste Íosagáin presents... "It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas" showcase. The show will take place on the 12th of December at 7.30pm in the school hall. Admission: €10. Hope to see you all there. Merry Christmas!

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer's Society

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Laois Alzheimer's are offering a week's respite care to people who have a dementia diagnosis in Waterman's Lodge Care Centre, Ballina/Killaloe, Co Tipperary. To access respite care please contact Ann on 057 8663398 / 086 8372168 Places are limited so get in touch with us. Our next Social Club on is on Thursday 12th Dec 2019 between 2.30pm to 4.30pm In Portlaoise Parish centre. Further info. contact Ann Munnally 0578663398 /0868372168.amunnally@alzheimier.ie

THANK YOU!

Ben Connolly has moved into "The Ben & Jake Trust house" on Sun. 1st December. Sadly, Jake is not with us, but Ben is in the house now and will enjoy his new comforts. Sincere thanks to everyone who made this dream possible.

RATHDAIRE CHURCH

Concert: Fri. 20th December commencing 7.30pm. Choir In Cantorum – Fundraiser for Portarlinton / Monasterevin Union of Parishes. Tickets €12.50 available from Ellen O'Connor (057 8626282) or at the door on the night.

Ecumenical Carol Service: Sun. 22nd December at 7pm in Rathdaire Church. All welcome.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 22nd – 29th July 2020. Cost €645. Direct Flight To Mostar reduces journey by three hours. Booking after 1st Feb. 2020 cost €695. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305 further info. & for booking.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

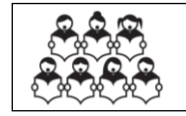
ENVELOPES

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



PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS

CAROLLERS



Annual Christmas Concert

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

A Christmas Concert will be held in St. Michael's Church Portarlinton on Sun. 22nd Dec. at 4pm. Enjoy a selection of Christmas Carols and Seasonal Songs. Featuring a large combined choir from Clonaslee, Portarlinton and Clonaghadoo. Admission Free. All are welcome.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Millions of innocent people are born into war. This Christmas your donation will bring them hope and your support will help build a more just world and change lives for the better. Visit the Trocaire website to find out more. www.trocaire.org to find out more.

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL



Christmas Food Voucher Appeal

Portarlinton 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 Portarlinton Credit Union or Whelan Electrical on or before Wed. next, 11th Dec., 2019. 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.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

The Christmas Club will be paid out until Monday 23rd December, 2019. BIC and IBAN numbers needed to transfer funds.

The next Cash Draw will take place on Sat. next, 14th December, 2019.

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

CHARITY BALL

Big plans are underway for this year's great glitzy and glamorous night – Friday 28th February 2020 at the Heritage Hotel in Killenard. The charity this year will be The Laois / Offaly Palliative Care. Please support these wonderful nurses and the great work they do. You can book your ticket or a table of friends from:

Marie 087 7589896 / Colette 086 2654277

Maria 086 3058181

Or call to Saoirse Care Shop (beside Burbage's Supermarket), Portarlinton. What a lovely Christmas Gift to give someone!

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Christmas Events

Storytime & Crafts

Fri. 13th Dec. from 3.30pm for ages 3-7.

Parent & Child Craft Table

Fri. 20th Dec. from 3.30pm for all ages.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2019

This year's Emigrant Newsletter is available and on sale in local shops. Over 100 pages of news, views, history and folklore. Great value and still only €4. On sale in: The Parish Office: Centra, Kilmalogue; Spar Express, Station Road; Burbages, Main Street; The Post Office; Fletcher's Newsagents, Main Street; Slevins, Bracklone Street & Central Stores, Main Street.