



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



Advent



MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),
 11am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



Advent

Sunday 9th December, 2012

Second Sunday of Advent

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th Dec. 10am ---

Tues. 11th Dec. 10am Redmond Hanlon, Gracefield

Wed. 12th Dec. 10am Callum Evans, Droughill

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

Fri. 14th Dec. 10am Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Tce.

Saturday 8th December – 6.15pm

Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield,
 Denis Brennan, St. Michael's Park,
 Michael & Aine Murphy, Shandra

Sunday 9th December – 12.15pm

Michael & Mary Mulhall, Avondale, Pat & Maureen Gorman, Church View, Delia, Frank, June & Patrick Conway, Mary & John Downey, & deceased members of the Downey Family, Congress Tce, Bridget O'Donnell, St. Brigid's Sq. Ned & Mindy Kelly, St. Michael's Park, Patrick & Annie Roycroft, Bracklone St, Elizabeth Maloney, St. Michael's Park, Jim Jaffray, Station Road

Saturday 15th December – 6.15pm

Willie Maher, 2 St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)
 Mary Byrne, Sweep Rd., Kilkeeran (1st Anniv.), Paddy Young, Bracklone St., Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield, Una Kelly, Marian Hill, Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Tce., Eamonn Mullen, Bracklone St. (7th Anniv.), Jim Colgan, Clondoolusk & deceased members of the Colgan Family, Bishopswood

Sunday 16th December – 12.15pm

James, Josephine & Patricia Nolan, James Murphy, St. Brigid's Sq., Deceased members of the Murphy Family, Kilmalogue Cross, Paddy & Maisie Orange, Marian Hill, William Maher & Colm Harris, Dublin

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 9th December – 10.30am

Martin Terrett, Derrymore (2nd Anniv.), James & Bridie Keogh, Rathleash, Fr. Tom Keogh, Rathleash, Alice Lalor, Rathleash

Sunday 16th December – 10.30am

Mary Flanagan, Killenard,
 Christy Carroll, Killenard

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR
 THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE
 WEEK:**



Christina Harding, Shandra
 Adam Finlay, Crowe Lane
 Margaret (Peggy) Kelly, Pinevilla
 Margaret (Peg) O'Connor, Bracklone Street

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 8th December – 7.30pm

Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas, Robert Pigott, Woodbrook, Daniel Keane, Rath, Mary & Brian Fenlon, Emo & Bracknagh, Christy Carroll, Ballybrittas, Mary Commins, New Inn (21st Anniv.)

Saturday 15th December – 7.30pm

Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons

Sunday 16th December – 11am

Philip Carney, Killimy (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 9th December – 9am

Deceased members of the Courtwood G.A.A. Club, Mrs. Bridget Boland, Jamestown, Annie Ryan, Bellegrave, Myles Christie, Monasterevin

COMMUNION CALLS



Visits to the sick and housebound will be attended during the week as follows:
 Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December 2012.

Tuesday 11th December

Derrymore, Congress Tce., Main St., Orchard Drive, Kilnacourt, Station Rd., Station Court, St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St. St. Michael's Pk., Kilbride, Lough, Killenard, Lea Road, Kilmullen

Wednesday 12th December

Courtwood, Kilbracken, Clonamone, Cappakeel, Morette, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Tinnakill, Dangans, Coolaghy

Thursday 13th December

Patrick St., St. Mary's Tce., Assumpta Tce., Avondale, Bog Rd., Gracefield, Shandra, Cloneyhurke, Garryhinch
 Patrick St., Church View, Kilmalogue Garden, French Church St., Foxcroft Court, Marian Hill, Treascon, Cushina

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Church Gate Collection. Thanks also to all non-members who helped out with the collections.

LECTORS

Portarlington

Sat. 15th Dec. 9am Kathleen Sweeney
 Sun. 16th Dec. 9am Agnes Holland
 12.15pm Anita Donohoe

Killenard

Sun. 16th Dec. 10.30am Siobhain Fallon

Emo

Sat. 15th Dec. 7.30pm Anne Deering
 Sun. 16th Dec. 11am Sr. Anne Lynch

Rath

Sun. 9th Dec. 9am Ted O'Loughlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington

Sat. 15th / Sun. 16th Dec. Team D

Killenard

Sun. 16th Dec. Team B

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our
 Christian Community through Baptism:
Portarlington Parish

Aoibh Maire O'Reilly, Crann Nua
 Bobby Connor Doyle, Graigaverne

Emo Parish

Jack James Davies, Grangehall

CHURCH COLLECTORS DECEMBER

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm PJ Gleeson & Kieran Dooley
 Sun. 11am Seamus Fitzpatrick & Peter Booth

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am John Dunne & David O'Connell



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.

PRAYER
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Loving Father,

We gather in faith to listen to your word
to us on this Advent day.

We come with hearts and minds that are open
and with lives that seek to do your will.
As we are called to prepare a path for the Lord,
be with us as we seek to rid our lives
of the useless distractions and worries
that we put before our relationship with you.

In this advent season,
may our prayers and our actions proclaim:
Come, Lord Jesus.

PORTARLINGTON I.C.A.

Meeting will be held in the Annexe, Patrick Street on
Thurs. 13th December at 8pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Collection at Rath Church amounted to €242. Many
thanks to all who contributed & to the collectors.

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Carol Singing Evening

Carol singing with the Portarlinton Folk Group on
Friday 14th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Afternoon of Prayer & Reflection

In preparation for the Christmas season on Sunday
16th December from 3pm – 6pm. No charge – all
welcome. For further details, contact Catherine on
057-8626153

PORTARLINGTON GARDAI

Twenty four hour Garda cover at Portarlinton
Garda Station, Main Street. Administration opening
hours Mon. – Sat. 10am-1pm and 8pm-9pm.

LOTTO RESULTS

Arlington Soccer Club Lotto Results

Letters K, V, Q, G – No winner. Next Jackpot
€7,700 will take place on 18th Dec. 2012.

Gracefield Lotto Results

Jackpot €10,200 – No winner. Numbers 22, 4, 23,
26. Jackpot next week €10,400

**TEEN SPIRIT - A CELEBRATION OF TEEN
TALENT & CHRISTIAN FAITH**

The diocese is hosting a 'Teen Spirit' Show in April
2013. Teenagers from first year to fifth year are
invited to participate in the Teen Spirit. This will be
a unique musical experience; Teen Spirit blends a
mix of popular chart music, well known classics and
contemporary Christian music. The rehearsals at
local level will begin early January and the first 'Boot
Camp' for all performers will be in February.

Teenage singers are invited to sign up through the
parish or by sending an e-mail to
teenspirit@kandle.ie. Check out www.teenspirit.ie or
like us on Facebook TeenSpirit Kandle. School and
Youth Choirs are invited to get involved also.
Further info. contact Yvonne on 087-7788007. All
U.18's must complete a parental consent form
available from www.kandle.ie or the Parish Office.

EMO ART GROUP – THANK YOU

Emo Art Group thank all the Exhibitors and all those
who supported their recent Art & Craft Fair. Despite
the weather it was a fantastic success. On the day
we raised €368.50 in the raffle which will go towards
the all weather pitch fund. Winners in the raffle
were. 1st Rachel Jervis, 2nd Michelle Quill, 3rd
Louise Allen, 4th Martha Morrin, 5th Roisin McEvoy
, 6th Martha Morris & 7th Will Delaney. If you would
like to contact anyone from the show contact
Stephanie 0868378659. Thank you so much for
your support and we take this opportunity to wish
everyone a very Happy Christmas & a prosperous
New Year.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Newbridge College, Co. Kildare

14th – 16th December



Youth 2000 Ireland will be holding their annual
Christmas Youth Retreat in Newbridge College
from Fri. 14th – Sun. 16th Dec. 2012. Retreat
starts with registration on Friday at 8pm. Free
buses also available. Further info. check out
www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 /
085 8289231 and see us on Facebook.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE /
NATIVITY PLAY**



A Christmas Carol Service & Nativity Play will
take place on Friday 21st December in St.
Michael's Church, Portarlinton. Any children
who would like to take part in this event,
please contact Sinead of 087 9062942

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

The President of Portarlinton Lions Club
expresses sincere thanks on behalf of the
members to all those very generous people
who kindly donated toys to the club appeal for
their recent Christmas Bonanza. The event
generated much-needed funds for the club for
distribution to local charities. A word of
gratitude to all voluntary members who helped
out on the day and added to the success of
this venture.

KILBRIDE ART GROUP

Catering for adults and children

Art Classes take place each week every Mon.,
Tues. & Wed. & cater for beginners &
advanced students using all mediums. Also
available are sketching and drawing classes.
Christmas Gift Vouchers available –
12 Classes €120. For further info. & vouchers
contact Una on 086 2392997.

JOB VACANCY

*Coláiste Íosagáin, Secondary School,
Portarlinton*

Cleaning position available. Hours from 2pm
– 6pm, Mon. – Fri. Extra hours may become
available. If interested please forward your CV
with two references to the Principal, Coláiste
Íosagáin, Portarlinton before Fri. 14th
December 2012.

EMO G.A.A.

Emo G.A.A. are holding their **A.G.M.** on Sat.
15th December in the Community Centre at
5pm. The next **€5 Development Draw** will
take place in the Gate house, Emo on Tues.
11th December. Extra prizes on the night.

PORTARLINGTON SCOUT GROUP

AGM - Tues. 11th December 2012

Please note that the 4th Laois Portarlinton
Scout Group **Annual General Meeting** will
take place on **Tuesday 11th December at 8.30
pm**. It is an important meeting for the Group
and your support on the night would be greatly
appreciated so please put it in your diary.

GOAL MILE

Create a family memory - attend the GOAL
mile. Starts at 11am on Christmas Day from
Portarlinton GAA CLUB – Run,
Walk or Jog while the Turkey
cooks. No registration required.
Just turn up.



REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP

**On the Judgement in A, B and C
v Ireland**

Initial response by the Irish Catholic Bishops'
Conference – Leaflet available at the Church
Porch.

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING

COMMUNITY

Teach Mhuire Prayer Meeting takes place
every Tuesday night at 8pm in Coláiste
Íosagáin. All very welcome.



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club at Emo
Tea Rooms will be on Mon. 7th January at
10.30am. Suggested reading: 'The Builders',
by Maeve Binchy and 'The Help', by Catherine
Stockett.

CAROL SINGING

Carol Singing Practices take place on Monday
at 6.30pm in The Annex of Fr Noonan's
House. Young and old are welcome - Contact
Anne Dunne on 087 4146600

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Numbers 3, 11, 13, 19 – No winner.
€25 to each of the following:-
Noreen Christie C/o Maeve; Des Christie C/o
Maeve; Stephanie Lewis C/o Andy; Ann Duffy,
Ballyadden; Martin Scully, Vicarstown
Next week's Jackpot €16,000

TUTORS / TEACHERS WANTED



Tutors/Teachers in: French; German; Irish;
Science; Mathematics (incl. Project Maths.);
Geography; History; Art; Religion & English –
Junior & Leaving Cert. (Ord. & Hon. Level).
We are recruiting suitable people for group
revision in all subjects – Ten students per
group. If you think you could facilitate group-
learning in any of these subjects please send
CV & letter of application to:
info@portarlinton.ie for the attention of the
Love Port Co-Ordinator. Lots of positions
available. Teaching qualifications desirable
but not essential! If you can give grinds you
may qualify for positions.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



Laois ICA Choir will sing at a Christmas Carol
Service in The French Church, French Church
Street, Portarlinton on 16th December at
7.30pm. Mulled drinks, wine/ mince pies will
be served. Donations if desired for Church
Heating Fund.

**PORTARLINGTON PARENTS &
FRIENDS OF MOORE ABBEY**

Thanks to all who supported the recent
Church Gate Collection in aid of the above
organisation.