

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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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, 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th Dec. 10am Redmond Hanlon, Gracefield & Frances O'Sullivan (nee Hanlon)
Tues. 11th Dec. 10am Maureen Gorman, Church View
Wed. 12th Dec. 10am Michael Hanlon, Assumpta Terrace
Thurs. 13th Dec. 10am Thomas Kennedy, St. Michael's Park
Fri. 14th Dec. 10am Michael & Elizabeth Woulfe; James & Mary Flanagan

Saturday 8th December – 6.15pm

Kevin Slattery, Spa St. & Botley Court (1st Anniv.); Richard Mangan, Spa St. & Dec. members of the Slattery Family; Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; James Jaffray, Station Rd, Annie (Nan) Donohoe, Bellegrave

Sunday 9th December – 12.15pm

Mary Douglas, Bishopswood (M.M.)
 Patricia Cunningham, Station Rd. (1st Anniv.)
 Clare O'Byrne, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
 Larry Taffe, Ardee; Mick Flynn, Tallaght

Saturday 15th December – 6.15pm

Noel Clancy, Assumpta Tce. (M.M.)
 Jean Clancy, St. Patrick's Tce. (M.M.) & her grandson, Darroch Connolly (Birthday Rem.)
 Eileen Nolan, Congress Tce. (1st Anniv.)
 Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Tce.
 Liam, Margaret & Michael Lawlor, Garryhinch;
 Liam & Bernadette Maloney, St. Brigid's Sq. & dec. members of the Maloney Family, St. Michael's Park; Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Eamon Mullen, Bracklone St; Paddy Young, Bracklone St; Jo Jo McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce.

Sunday 16th December – 12.15pm

John Lynch, Kilbride (1st Anniv.)
 Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (Birthday Rem.)
 James (Jim) Fahy, Arlington Est. (1st Anniv.)
 Liz Hyland, Pine Villa; Maureen & Pat Gorman, Church View; Josephine, James, Patricia & Vincent Nolan, Walsh Island; Christy Kennedy, Lucan; John, Diana & Mossey McCabe, Station Road; James Colgan, Clondoolusk & dec. members of the Colgan Family, Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 9th December – 10.30am

Martin Terrett, Derrymore

Sunday 16th December – 10.30am

Edward McGoldrick, Killenard, Templeogue & Sligo (M.M.); Mary Flanagan, Killenard
 James & Bridie Keogh, Rathleash & dec. members of the Keogh Family, Rathleash
 Kathleen Elmon (nee Keogh), Rathleash
 Alice Lator; Christy Carroll Jnr. & deceased members of the Carroll Family.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 8th December – 7.30pm

Jim McEvoy, Coolaghy (1st Anniv.)
 Philip Carney, Killimy; Daniel Keane, Rath
 Mary Commins, New Inn, Emo
 Robert Pigott, Woodbrook
 Mary & Brian Fenlon, Emo & Bracknagh

Sunday 9th December – 11am

Patrick (Patsy) Mangan, Caron
 John & Bridget Christy, Coolbanagher

Saturday 15th December – 7.30pm

Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 9th December – 9am

Myles & Alice Christie, Monasterevin
 Nancy & Larry Ryan, Rath; Tom Ryan, Rath

DECEASED

We pray for the following who died recently:
Mrs. Maura Crossan, Kilkeeran

CHRISTENING

We welcome into our Christian Community



PORTARLINGTON

Patrick Callum O'Reilly, Millbrook Manor
EMO

Maria Sadhbh Bastik, Kilminchy & Emo

COMMUNION CALLS



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

Tuesday 11th December, 2018

Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive, Whitefields, Station Rd; St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Lea Rd., Ballycarroll, Canal Court

Wednesday 12th December, 2018

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Coolroe, Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Emo, Portlaoise Road, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen, Tinakill, Coolaghy

Thursday 13th December, 2018

Kilmalogue Garden, Church View, Patrick Street, Assumpta Tce., St. Mary's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce., Gracefield, Avondale, Bog Rd., Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Sweep Road, The Square, Marian Hill, Bishopswood, Clondoolusk, Cushina

LECTORS (READERS)

15th / 16th December

Portarlington:

6.15pm Frank Smith / Sun. 9am Ailish Ridgeway / 12.15pm Kieran Dunne

Killenard:

Sun. 10.30am Margaret Rose

Emo:

Sat. 7.30pm Doreen Dunne / Sun. 11am Stephanie Lewis

Rath:

Sun. 9am Greg Fogarty

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

15th / 16th December

Portarlington Team A

Killenard Team D



JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Next rehearsals will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm & Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church. Great turn-out last week. Everybody: **Welcome / Witany / Fáilte / Bienvenue**



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.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

The Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Rota for Nov. 2018 to Nov. 2019 is displayed on the notice boards in the Church. If you require a copy please call into the Sacristy, where copies are available, or we can e-mail or post a copy to you upon request. Sincere thanks for all for your service during the past year. If there are any Parishioners who wish to become Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors contact the Parish Office.

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.*



O DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 3.12.2018

Numbers were: 7,20,23,27. No Jackpot or Match 3 winner this week. Promoter - Tom Coleman. Next weeks Jackpot: €6,600. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

Dinner Dance

O'Dempsey's GFC Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday the 26th Jan. in Judge Roy Beans, Killenard. Please save the date!

Juvenile Hamper

Juvenile Christmas hamper tickets are now available to collect off any committee member or contact Tommy Fallon on 087-0946699.

DONATIONS OF LEGO!

6th year LCVP class in Coláiste Iosagáin are holding a Lego collection to help fundraise for the Jack and Jill Foundation. If you have any extra Lego lying around that you do not want any more, please drop it into the secondary school. There you will find a box available in the School Reception (Mon. – Fri. 9am – 4pm) with the name of our LCVP teacher, Ms Gannon.



ALTERATIONS / DRESSMAKING LESSONS

For anyone interested, we provide alterations / dress making & lessons. Contact Ann. Wed. to Sat. Over La Belle Boutique (Main St.). Phone Ann on 086-3531999

BATTERY RECYCLING PROJECT

Emo Tidy Towns, Laois Co Co, Emo National School and W.E.E. Irl. jointly launched a "Used Battery Recycling Project" to run from now until early Feb.2019. All batteries collected will generate funds for the Laura Lynn charity. We appeal to everyone to collect all sized used batteries over



the Christmas period. K.M.K. metal recycling has provided boxes and barrels to Emo N.S. for collection of batteries. This project is also part of the "Emo Green Schools Programme". We hope it will be a great success and it will help protect our environment.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND



Christmas cards and 2019 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.

WANTED - GRINDS

Looking for qualified teacher to give grinds in Maths, Irish and German for higher level Junior Certificate student. Phone 086-8275949.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO RESULTS

27.11.2018

Letters D, I, R, L – No Jackpot winner. €25 to Paddy Waldron & Ann Molloy. Sellers prize Liz Waldron. Next Jackpot €10,000. Draw will take place in the Barrow Lodge on 11th December.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2018

The Emigrant Newsletter is now on sale in the following shops: Centra, Kilmalogue / Spar Express, Station Rd. / Burbages, Main St. / The Post Office / Fletcher's Newsagents, Main St. / Slevins, Bracklone St. / Central Stores, Main St. / The Anvil Inn / Cooper Hardware / Portarlington Golf Club / Dempsey's Gala / Also available in the Parish Office. Price €4.



SUAIMHNEAS, CAPPAKEEL, EMO

Advent Meditation

Thursday 13th December - 7.30pm -8.30pm
A time of quiet reflection to Mindfully prepares for Christmas.

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Every Thursday evening 7.30-8.30pm. An opportunity to practice different approaches to meditation. Followed by refreshments/Cost €5

Meditation & Prayer

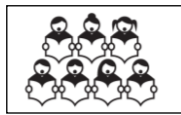
Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm. A time of meditation, scripture reading, sacred music & reflection. Refreshments served. Cost €5.

Further details and booking contact Anne or Mai on 057-8626541

Visit website www.suaimhneas.ie

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS

CAROLLERS



Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday 16th December 2018

Commencing 4pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

All are welcome. Admission FREE.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Committee thank everyone for the great turn out on Sunday evening for the switch on of the towns Christmas tree. Thanks to all the performers for their wonderful entertainment, to all the helpers and especially to Santa for travelling to Portarlington to meet all the children.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatized and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives.

Visit: www.trocaire.org to find out more.

BOOKS



The recently launched book, "*The Brigidine Sisters in Ireland, America, Australia and New Zealand, 1807-1922*" by Ann Power and published by Four Courts Press is available for sale on www.fourcourtspress.ie

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Also, *Nano Nagle: The life and legacy* by Deirdre Rafferty, Catriona Delaney & Catherine Nowlan-Roebuck & published by Irish Academic Press. Available in all book shops.

VACANCY - CE SCHEME

CES-2094885 Caretaker / Pitch Maintenance Worker (Emo) x 1. Anyone interested in further information contact Sharon on 057-8644150 or e-mail mercescheme@gmail.com.

'WHISPERINGS OF MY SOUL'



Fr. Sean Hyland's book 'Whisperings of my Soul' which was launched on Friday night last is now on sale in the Parish Office. Price €15.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO - 3RD DEC. 18

Numbers 1, 2, 15, 20 – No jackpot winner €25 to each of the following:-
Alex Strong, Emo / Deirdre Lawlor C/o R.K. / Willie Moran C/o Vera / Kathleen Kelly C/o Emo Shop / Mena O'Connell C/o Mena
Next week's Jackpot €3,200

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB 2018 CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL



Portarlington Lions Club are again organising their Christmas Food Appeal and anyone needing a food hamper can you please put your request in writing into the box located in Portarlington Credit Union on or before **Wed. 12th December, 2018.**

Can you also make sure that you include your contact number on your request.

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Cookbook on sale - A Taste to Remember in our Resource Centre with beautiful recipes & stories – Ideal Christmas gift at €20 also Christmas Cards for sale €8.50 per dozen. Last Social Club of 2018 Thurs 13th Dec. 2.30-4pm in Ballard Lodge Nursing Home, Borris Road for people with Dementia and their carers. Further info. On dementia contact Ann Munnally on 057 8663398 / 086-8372168 Home-care Coordinator 47 Main Street, Portlaoise, Co Laois R32 VRX8 Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

WANTED

Would anyone have VHS or BETA tapes of the Rath Variety Show pre 1990 (especially March 1989)! If available all tapes will be returned. Contact Michael on 057-8626263.

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 Portarlington this weekend. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause.

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

Childminder required to take care of two primary school children. Collection from Rath N.S. Monday – Wednesday 3-5pm & mind in children's own home during school term. Some light housework also. Contact 087-7615884 after 5pm.

PORT. TEXT ALERTS GETS BUSY

The Port Text Alert Committee have been working tirelessly to help make our town and surrounding villages as safe as possible with the erection of lots of new signs around showing the text number to report any suspicious activities in the area. If you would like to sign up to receive community and crime prevention alerts to your mobile phone, call into the Loveport Office or phone 087-2894176. E-mail porttextalert@gmail.com

USED STAMPS



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