



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO





**PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS**

Very Rev. Thomas Dooley P.P. Tel: (057) 8643004    Rev. Eugen Dragoş Tamaş Tel: (057) 8646517  
 Very Rev. Michael Noonan P.E. Tel: (057) 8623431



**PARISH OFFICE**

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: [portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net) / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.  
 Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.



**DIocese** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)    **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123    Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 087 7640557    **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302    **G.R.O.W.** [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)    Info: 1890 474 474

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:** Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney  
 Director of Safeguarding - Tel: 085-8021633 [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) / E-mail [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

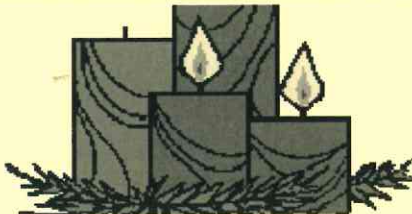
**MASS TIMES**

**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**  
[www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)

 Portarlington & Emo Parish  
 @EmoParish

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Year B**

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
**PORTARLINGTON**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 6.15pm**  
 Johnny Raftery, Kilkerrin, Galway; Patsy O'Malley, Clannmalire Crescent (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Michael Ward, St. Michael's Park (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Clare O'Byrne, Station Road (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Kevin Slattery, Botley Court (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Richard Mangan, Spa Street; Tony Keenan, Gracefield; Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; Paddy Confrey & deceased members of the Dowling Family, St. Michael's Park; Patricia Cunningham, Station Road; Marie McNelis & deceased members of the McNelis Family, Pine Villa & Market Square; Michael & Maureen Mulligan, Bishopswood; James (Jim) Murphy, Derrymore; Bartle Fitzmaurice; Denis Brennan; Patrick Miller & deceased members of the Miller Family; Deceased members of the Connolly Family; Deceased residents of St. Michael's Park;

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 12.15pm**  
 Angela Keane, Eglington Apts. & Station Road (M.M.); Peg & Joe O'Connor & deceased members of the Bourke, Walsh, Douglas & O'Meara Families; Tom & Lily Coogan, Arlington Estate; Edward, Elizabeth & Gregory Coogan, Shiphouse; Maureen & Pat Gorman, Church View; Patsy & Esther Murphy, Station Rd. & Lea; Deceased members of the Doyle & O'Connor Family, Treason; Eilish & Timothy Devaney, Nenagh; John & Kathleen Murphy, Treason & London; Michael, David & Marian O'Brien, London; Mary Boland (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Eugene Boland (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Main Street; Margaret (Maudie) Walsh; Sean Walsh; Stasia Walsh, Bracklone St; Kathleen Banks (nee Walsh), Durrrow; Catherine Milner & deceased members of the Walsh Family

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)**

**Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Christy Kennedy, Lucan  
**Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Thomas Kennedy, St. Michael's Park / Michael Hanlon, Assumpta Terrace (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
**Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Fr. Joe Hynan, Shandra / Australia (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
**Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Mick & Kathy Brennan & Ted Lawlor; Paddy Young, Bracklone Street

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**KILLENARD**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am**  
 Carol Kinsella (Burial of Ashes)  
 Thomas (Tom) Landy, Whitefields (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**ANNIVERSARIES - EMO**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm**  
 Jim McEvoy, Coolaghy (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Robert Pigott, Woodbrook; Jack & Nelly Pigott, Woodbrook; Daniel Keane, Rath; Philip Carney, Killimy, Mary & Brian Fenlon & daughter Susan Fenlon, Bracknagh & Emo; Tony Coleman, Tinnakill & deceased members of the Pigott & Coughlan Families, Woodbrook

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 11am**  
 Bridget Keegan, Morette (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 Patrick Mangan, Caron

**DECEASED - R I P**

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-  
**Bridget Emerson**, Bishopswood Road  
**Andrew McBride**, Avondale / Kilkenny  
**Helen Ryan**, Cashel, Tipperary (Mother of Teresa Coman)

**BAPTISMS**


We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

**Portarlington & Emo Parishes**  
*Sophia Ella Fitzpatrick, Morette*  
*Lil May Carroll, Killeen*  
*Aoibhin Grace Slevin, Garryvacum*

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**  
**(Penitential Service for Christmas)**  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
 St. Michael's Church 7.30pm  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
 St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick 7.30pm  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
 Sacred Heart Church, Rath – 7pm  
 St. Paul's Church, Emo – 8pm

**CONFESSIONS**  
 After 6.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church from now until Christmas. Saturday – Saturday's at 12 Noon.

Second Sunday of



**DIOCESAN ADVENT PRAYER 2023**

*Loving God,  
 As your light grows in the dark of winter,  
 bring its strength and its hope to the  
 people of the Holy Land and to all  
 people who suffer through war and  
 conflict.  
 Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem  
 to lead the way to your Son, guide all  
 people – leaders and citizens – to follow  
 your ways of peace and justice.  
 As we remember the difficult journey of  
 Mary and Joseph, May the Holy Family  
 be a source of courage for each of us,  
 helping us to reach out in friendship to  
 the oppressed and displaced of this  
 world.  
 Help us to see in the Christ-child we  
 welcome this Christmas, the one who  
 came to bring an end to all divisions.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 And may the Lord bless us and keep us  
 safe this Advent day and always.  
 AMEN*

**COMMUNION CALLS**

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
 Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane; Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
 Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy; Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
 St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**



Come along to an evening of Christmas Carols on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December commencing 7pm in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath.  
 All very welcome. This is free to all to attend. Donations on the night, if desired, will go to The Cuisse Cancer Support Service.

**PARABLES & PRAYER**

If you would like to explore the BIBLE and learn to pray with the SCRIPTURES, you would be most welcome to our PRAYER GROUP. Meetings are very informal and prayerful. We enjoy a cuppa and a chat before we start by praying a decade of the Rosary. The meeting then concludes with intercessory prayer and a Novena for all our intentions.  
 Phone Ailish on 087 6832674 for further information.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION**



Sincere thanks for all who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collections in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul. Your donations are much needed and are greatly appreciated.

**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND**

Christmas cards and 2024 Calendars now on sale in the Parish Office. Calendars €8 each / Pack of 8 Cards €6 / Buy one, get one free. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

**PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB**

Annual Collection for the Lions Christmas Voucher Appeal will be held on Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> & Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> December at Supervalu and at Centra, Main Street, Portarlington. These collections will help those less well off in our community. Thank you for your support over the years.

Those requiring help for Christmas, please place your letter of request in the box at Brian Whelan's, Main Street or Portarlington Credit Union before 15<sup>th</sup> December. Confidentiality strictly adhered to.

**EMO COURT AND PARKLANDS**

Join us today (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>) from 2-6pm for a magical Christmas afternoon. Festive music, christmassy drinks and treats, a beautiful festive atmosphere and if you haven't already done so you can post your letter to Santa from within the festively decorated rooms of Emo Court. Adm. Free. O.P.W.

**CAROL SERVICE**

A Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Church of the Ascension, Rathadaire. Everyone is very welcome to this community event. Donations will be sent to the Simon Community.

**GAEILGE LE CHEILE**

Conversational Irish group meet next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, from 7.30pm-9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown. Ideal opportunity for Leaving Cert students to practice for upcoming Irish Oral exams. Refreshments served. Cupan tae agus chat. Bigi linn.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CHOIR**  
**NO CHOIR PRACTICE NEXT TUESDAY**  
 The next Christmas Choir Practice will take place Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11am, followed by a practice on Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm and then on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm.



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH PORTARLINGTON**

*Come along and enjoy the*  
**Portarlington**  
**Christmas Carolers Concert 2023.**  
 Venue: St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
 Date/Time: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Commencing 4pm. Free Admission  
 Everyone very welcome.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Sunday from 5 to 7pm. Weekly Adoration continues on Tuesday's 10.30am – 7pm finishing with Rosary

**ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89**

The next **Social Dance** will take place on Saturday night, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Dancing to Pat Costello. Doors open at 9pm. Adm. €10. Refreshments served.

**Dancing lessons** Monday nights with Dolores from 7.45pm – 9.15pm. €8 per night. Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. is the last night before the Christmas break. **Keep Fit** with Eimear on Wednesday & Friday nights from 7-8pm at €5 per class. Friday nights are sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership and are free last night before Christmas (Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.).

**BALLYBRITTAS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RUN**



The Fisherstown Tractor & Truck Run are holding their Annual Christmas Lights Run on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December meeting at 4pm – Run will commence at 4.30pm. We will be doing a short run to Fitzpatrick's Junction 14 around 5pm. If you wish to join us with either your tractor or your truck lit up, you are more than welcome. Santa will be arriving on a Tractor into Ballybrittas at 6.30pm with something for all the children.

**PORTARLINGTON FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME – CONSULTATION DAY NO. 3**

Residents, businesses & other interested parties are invited to attend Public Consultation Day No. 3 where the Preferred Flood Relief Option for Portarlington Flood Relief Scheme will be presented. Members of the project teams from Laois County Council, the Office of Public Works, B. & N. O'Dwyer, will be present on the day. The event will be held in **Portarlington Library, Main Street, R32 F9WF** from 2.30pm to 7.30pm on **Wed. next, 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Questionnaires available also. [dayhttps://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/portarlington/project-info/public-engagement/](https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/portarlington/project-info/public-engagement/) where the online version of the questionnaire, along with all material displayed on the day will be released on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

**USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS**

Used stamps needed for the missions. Kindly drop them into Delaney's, Bracklone Street.

**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

**Lotto®**

**EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO**  
 Week No. 1218 – Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023.  
 Numbers 1, 2, 10, 15 – No. Jackpot winner.  
 €25 to each of the following:-  
 Mary Joyce, Village Cafe; Maura Hyland C/o Deirdre; Helen Fenlon C/o Ann Deering; Margaret O'Brien C/o Deirdre; Pat Keegan C/o Deirdre  
**Next draw takes place on Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. with a Jackpot of €5,600.**

**GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO**  
 Week No. 49 – Numbers 15, 32, 17, 6  
 No jackpot winner.  
 €50 to each of the following:-  
 Melanie Broderick; Ray McEvoy; Sinead Bradley; Frank McCann; Greg O'Meara. Christmas Bonus Prize of €30 each to: Alan McAteer; Niall Smith; Pat Keogh; Sarah Hickey  
**Next week's Jackpot €9,600**

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS**

Portarlington & Emo Parishes  
**Available in Portarlington Parish Office.**  
**Donation €3.** Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlington / Emo Parishes over Christmas.

**O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.**

**Juvenile's Monster Hamper Raffle**  
 Back again for 2023. There is 1 x €500 hamper, 3 x €150 hampers to be won. All monies raised will be going back into our Juveniles. Tickets available now from Juveniles & online at [www.odempseysgfc.ie](http://www.odempseysgfc.ie) and at SuperValu 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**LIGHT UP – TRUCK & TRACTOR RUN**

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> December a Christmas themed charity light up truck and tractor run will depart Mountmellick at 6pm and will pass through Emo Village around 6.20pm, Ballybrittas at 6.30pm and Portarlington at 6.45pm. Spectators are welcome along the route. Registration takes place in the MDA Mountmellick R32 AOPK from 3pm on the day. Prizes awarded. Christmas themed vehicles very important but not essential to participate. All support greatly appreciated.

**YOGA CLASSES**

Commence in January 2024 in the Old School Hall, Emo. If you are interested in joining, contact Louise on [louise.a.gorman@gmail.com](mailto:louise.a.gorman@gmail.com)