

ADVENT PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO ADVENT

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DIocese www.kandle.ie

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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

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday - Year B

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 16th December – 6.15pm

Maura Leavy, St. Brigid's Square (M.M.); Denise Geoghegan, Cathair na gCapaill (1st Anniv.); Gary Lanigan, Lansdowne (3rd Anniv.); Lily O'Neill, Rosecourt; Eamonn, Ann & David Mullen, Bracklone St; Liam & Bernadette Moloney, St. Brigid's Square & deceased members of the Moloney Family; Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Paul Nolan; Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield (B/Day Rem.); James & Josephine Nolan, Walsh Island & deceased members of the Nolan Family; Una Kelly, Marian Hill; Chrissie & Pat O'Brien, Shankill, Dublin; Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Terrace; Niall Cox; Ger Knight; Marty Flanagan, Assumpta Terrace; Lily Tinkler, Assumpta Terrace; John Lynch, Kilbride (6th Anniv.) Paddy McEvoy, Deceased members of the McEvoy family Gracefield, Ned & Mindy Kelly, their Daughter Frances, St. Michael's Pk,

Sunday 17th December – 12.15pm

Margaret Weldon, Patrick Avenue; Celine Knight, Seskin (1st Anniv.); Annie Phillips, Seskin; Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square; Jim Fahy, Arlington Estate; May & Blaise Duffy, Cushina; Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua; Deceased members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood; Tom & Eithne Lawlor, Dublin & deceased members of the Lawlor Family; Margaret, Michael & Liam Lawlor, Garryhinch; Liz Hyland,

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)

Mon. 18th December – Mairead Kennedy
Tues. 19th December – Dan & Joe McCann
Thurs. 21st December – Deceased residents of Patrick Street, Portarlington

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 17th December - 10.30am

Pat Rogers, Ballymorris (M.M.)
Lily O'Neill, Rosecourt; Mary & Pat Flanagan, Killenard; Kathleen & Chris Carroll; Christy Carroll Jnr; Deceased members of the Carroll Family

PARISH CALENDAR 2024

Parish Calendar for 2024 now available at the Church porch or in the Parish Office.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 16th December – 7.30pm

Bridie Carroll, New Inn (11th Anniv.) & deceased members of the Carroll Family; Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons; Willie Gleeson; Darren Langford, Carn (16th Anniv.); His granny Christina Maher, Portarlington, Deceased members of the Langford Family, Emo; Bernie Behan (nee Langford); Deceased members of the Travers family; Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas; Johnny Christy, Emo

Sunday 17th December – 11am

Michael Keegan, Botley Court (8th Anniv.)
Maisie Keegan, Botley Court (4th Anniv.)
Bridget Delaney, Killeen; Bridie Carroll, New Inn (11th Anniv.) & deceased members of the Carroll Family; Laurence Kehoe, Coolbanagher

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 17th December – 9am
Johnny & Gret Kelly, Courtwood
Pat Behan, Courtwood

DECEASED - R I P

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-

Tomas Molevicius, Clondalkin & Lea Road, Portarlington

Philomena (Minnie) Donegan, Millgrove, Bracknagh (Mother of Rose Flanagan)

Geraldine Griffin, Shannon, (Sister of Cathy Honan)

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that the Christmas Rotas for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers is on the Notice Board in the Church Porch.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

(Penitential Service for Christmas)

Tuesday 19th December

St. Michael's Church 7.30pm

Wednesday 20th December

St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick 7.30pm

Thursday 21st December

Sacred Heart Church, Rath – 7pm

St. Paul's Church, Emo – 8pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES



St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Saturday 23rd December Vigil 6.15pm

Sunday 24th December at 9am

Sunday evening Children's Mass at 6.15pm

Sunday night Vigil Mass at 9pm

St. John's Church, Killenard

Sunday 24th December at 10.30am

Sunday evening at 7pm

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Saturday 23rd December Vigil 7.30pm

Sunday 24th December at 8.30pm

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Sunday 24th December at 9am

Sunday evening at 7pm



CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday 25th December, 2023



St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Christmas Day at 9am & 12.15pm

St. John's Church, Killenard

Christmas Day at 10.30am

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Christmas Day at 11am

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Christmas Day at 9am

CONFESSIONS

Confessions after 6.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church from now until Christmas. Confessions also on Saturday's at 12 Noon.



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. Sincere thanks for continued contributions.

SYNOD NEWS

Work is beginning towards the next phase of the Synod and the Second General Assembly in Rome next October. There is a dedicated page on the diocesan website www.kandle/synod where you can keep up to date. You can also find plenty of information at www.synod.ie and on the Vatican website, www.synod.va

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Lotto Results – 11th December. Numbers: 14, 18, 21, 24 – No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner: Shane Costello. Promoter: Dowling's Gala. Next week's Jackpot is €3,400. Proceeds from next week's draw will go to St. Vincent de Paul. Tickets are available from our usual sellers. Thank you for all your support!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Come along to an evening of Christmas Carols on Monday 18th 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.

CHRISTMAS MARKET COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

The Transition Year Classes of Colaiste Iosagáin will hold a CHRISTMAS MARKET in the school P.E. Hall on Thursday next, 21st December from 3pm – 7pm. Lots of Crafts, Food & Gifts. Come along All very welcome.

CAROL SERVICE

A Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17th 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.



CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION

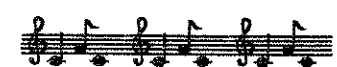
Collection for the support of the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses on Christmas Day. Envelope available in your development boxes or at the Church Porch.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHOIR



The next Christmas Choir Practice will take place on Tues. 19th December after the Penitential Service and then on Thursday 21st December at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH PORTARLINGTON



TODAY – SUN. 17th DECEMBER

Come along and enjoy the

Portarlington

Christmas Carollers Concert 2023



Venue: St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Commencing 4pm. Free Admission
Everyone very welcome.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Dancing lessons Monday nights with Dolores from 7.45pm – 9.15pm. €8 per night. Mon. 18th 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. 22nd Dec.).

BALLYBRITTAS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RUN

TODAY

The Fisherstown Tractor & Truck Run are holding their Annual Christmas Lights Run on Sunday 17th 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.

A Blessing Prayer by the Family Crib

God of all people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have shown us your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the
Virgin Mary.
To our lives He brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless our family and all who will look
upon this crib in the coming days;
may it remind us of the humble birth of
Jesus, and lift our thoughts to Him,
who is God-with-us, our Emmanuel and
the Saviour of all. Amen.

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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2022, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.

Lotto.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1219 – Numbers 3, 8, 21, 22
No. Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-

O'Rourke Family C/o Deirdre; Amy Earl C/o Deirdre; Ellie Dunne C/o Ann; Marc Carney C/o B. Gorman; David Gorman C/o B. Gorman

Next draw takes place on Mon. 18th Dec. with a Jackpot of €5,800.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Week No. 50 – Numbers 19, 11, 20, 17
No jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-
Emer McGee; Jake McLoughlin; Cathal O'Neill; Rose & Niamh Byrne; Jake McLoughlin. Promoters prize: Jamie Hanlon

Christmas Bonus prize of €30 each to:-
Brian Guinan; Eugene Murphy; Richard Murphy; Christine Dunne.
Next week's Jackpot €9,800

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

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. You can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone St.

THE LIVE CRIB

The Live Crib is back this year at Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Monasterevin on Sun. 24th December from 4-9pm with live animals.

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.