



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 10th December, 2017 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 11th Dec. 10am Reddy Hanlon, Frances O'Sullivan, (nee Hanlon) Gracefield,
Tues. 12th Dec. 10am Michael Hanlon, Assumpta Terrace
Wed. 13th Dec. 10am Michael & Elizabeth Woulfe & James & Mary Flanagan
Thurs. 14th Dec. 10am Thomas Kennedy, St. Michael's Park
Fri. 15th Dec. 10am Kathy & Mick Brennan; Ted Lawlor, Foxcroft St; Patrick Young, Bracklone St. (11th Anniv.)

Saturday 9th December – 6.15pm

Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; Eamonn Mullen, Bracklone St. (12th Anniv.); Mary & Martin Fitzgerald, Tom & Bridie Fitzgerald, Nurney; Paddy Confrey & dec. members of the Dowling Family, St. Michael's Park; James & Christina Laurence, Annamoe, Patrick & Maryann Brannock, Deceased members of the Brannock family, Joseph & Mary Rafter, Deceased members of the Rafter family,

Sunday 10th December – 12.15pm

John Noonan, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.); Clare O'Byrne, Station Road (1st Anniv.); James (Jim) Jaffray, Station Road; Tom & Lily Coogan, Arlington Estate; Edward & Elizabeth Coogan, Shiphouse; Ned & Mindy Kelly, St. Michael's Park; Dec. members of the Murphy Family, Kilmalogue Cross

Saturday 16th December – 6.15pm

Nell Doherty (nee Leavy), St. Michael's Pk. (1st Anniv.); Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; William & Bernadette Moloney, St. Brigid's Sq.; Dec. members of the Moloney Family, St. Michael's Pk; Jim Colgan & dec. members of the Colgan Family, Bishopswood

Sunday 17th December – 12.15pm

James, Josephine, Patricia & Vincent Nolan, Walsh Island; Mary & Eugene Boland, Main St; Robert McLaughlin; Leonard McEvoy; Sarah & William McEvoy; Dec. members of the McEvoy Family, Gracefield; Liz Hyland, Pine Villa; Margaret Weldon, St. Patrick's Avenue; Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 10th December – 10.30am

Mary Flanagan, Killenard; Alice Lalor; Fr. Tom Keogh; James & Bridie Keogh; Dec. members of the Keogh Family, Rathleash; Martin Terrett, Derrymore; Kathleen & Chris (Snr.) Carroll & Christy Carroll (Jnr.) & their grandson, Steve

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 9th December – 7.30pm

Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas; Mary Commins, New Inn; Daniel Keane, Rath; Mary & Brian Fenlon, Emo; Joe Mulhall, Cappakeel, Deceased members of the Brophy family, Killeen, Paddy & Catherine Walshe, Deceased members of the Walshe family, Cappakeel, Deceased members of the Seymour family, Cork.

Sunday 10th December – 11am

Patrick (Patsy) Mangan, Caron (5th Anniv.)
Robert Pigott, Woodbrook

Saturday 16th December – 7.30pm

Philip Carney, Killimy; Brigid Carroll, New Inn; Deceased members of the Langford & Travers Families; Willie Gleeson, Edward Dunne, (15th Anniv) & Josephine Dunne, Clonamone, Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas,

Sunday 17th December – 11am

Kevin Eustace, Kildare,
Deceased member of Emo G.A.A. Club.

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 10th December – 9am

Bridget Boland, Jamestown; Paddy Foley, Kilberry; Alice & Myles Christie, Monasterevin; Annie & Larry Ryan, Bellgrove; Tom Ryan (Remembrance)

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:

Mrs. Ann Burbage, Bishopswood Road & late of Spa Street
Liam Daly, St. Mary's Terrace,
Kevin Slattery, Botley Court & Spa Street,
Jamie Brydone, New Inn Cross, Emo,
P.J. Power, Naas & formerly Lea Rd,

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Alfie James Brian Cullen, Lansdowne
Lexie Mai Geoghegan, Crann Nua

EMO PARISH

Emily Mary Mortimer, Aliza Lodge, New Inn

ADORATION - PORTARLINGTON

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tues. from 10.30am to 7pm in St. Michael's Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each Sunday of Advent after the 12.15pm Mass until 3pm.

LECTORS 16th / 17th Dec.

PORTARLINGTON: 6.15pm Lector / 9am S. Hainsworth / 12.15pm N. Brennan
KILLENARD: 10.30am Jerome Kelly
EMO: 7.30pm Ann Deering / 11am Frances Kerry
RATH: 9am Marie O'Loughlin

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

PORTARLINGTON: A
KILLENARD: C

CHURCH CHOIR

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Welcome Fáilte, Witany, Bienvenue

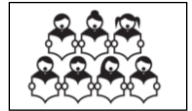
Rehearsals for Christmas

Tues. 12th & Friday 15th December in

St. Michael's Church 7.30pm.

Please note change

of day to Friday. All very welcome.



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.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

Led by Bishop Denis Nulty. Leaving on the 16th July 2018 for 5 nights. €739 per person sharing. Register your interest by contacting Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410802 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

CHOIR PRACTICE - EMO

Choir Practice will take place each Wednesday evening in St. Paul's Church, Emo.
All welcome.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

28th November

Letters V J P Q – No winner. €25 to Brian Higgins / Ann Lowry. Sellers prize Colin Doyle
Next Jackpot €8,000. Next draw on 12th December in the Barrow Lodge.

TEENAGE DISCO

Christmas Teenage Disco will take place on Fri. 15th Dec. from 8-11pm in Portarlinton Community Centre.

ANNUAL MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Portarlinton Community Centre Annual Monster Christmas Raffle will also take place on Fri. 15th Dec. at 12 noon in the Credit Union. Tickets on sale from Thurs. 23rd Nov. €2 per ticket or book of 3 for €5. Tickets available from Portarlinton Community Centre Reception Office or from Portarlinton Community Centre Group Co-ordinators.

THE THREE TENORS IN CONCERT

Sun. 17th Dec. at 8pm in St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick. Tickets €25. Available from Mountmellick Parish Office 057 8624390 or Horan's Newsagents, Parnell Street. Special guests Emer Dunne accompanied by Antoinette Dickinson Kaur.

CHILDMINDER WANTED

Seeking reliable person to collect two children from Emo National School and bring to children's home. Initial six months is Mon. – Fri. & then three days per week. Hours 1.30 to 5.30 daily. Please call Sarah on 087-6655614.

LEA CASTLE COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Lea Castle Committee will take place on Mon. 11th Dec. in Port. Library at 8pm.

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN

Would you be interested in helping out distributing leaflets for the Pro Life Campaign. Phone 087-6832674 or E-mail ailishr29@gmail.com

OLD SCHOOLHOUSE PLAYSCHOOL

The Old Schoolhouse Playschool are currently taking applications for September 2018 & September 2019, for application form contact Colette on 085 8225481 or Email theoldschoolhouseplayschool@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS AT

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Advent Afternoon Reflection on Sunday 10th December (today) from 3pm - 5pm. An afternoon of reflection and prayer in preparation for the birth of Jesus. Tea/Coffee served. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's Team. No charge – donations welcome.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 04/12/2017.

Numbers were: 03,08,12,23. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner's were: Tom Walsh, Bernie Shiels, Sean & Ciaran & Aidan, Mia Finn. Promoter - Ballybrittas SS.
Next week's Jackpot: €3,600.

Club Calendar for 2018

Calendar now on sale for €5! Calendar's will be on sale at the Lotto draw each Monday night from 9pm or by contacting Barry 087-7707511 or Paul 087-6615586. Make sure you get your limited edition calendar quickly.

IRISH GRINDS

Junior and Leaving Certificate Irish Grinds available from an experienced Irish speaker. Practice oral exams, essay-writing, grammar and all areas of course covered. All levels catered for. Contact Áine on 085 8344378.

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.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received the JP II Awards 2016/2017

Gold Award: Leah Naughton; Agata Gapys; Nicole Tynan; Emma Ryan; Marta

Ambrozinska; Chisom Onwukwe; Megan Quinn-Murphy; Codi-Marie Browne; Anna Ridgeway; Caoimhe Maher

Silver Award: Martyna Kujawa
Well done to all of you!

LAOIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

The next meeting of Laois Public Participation Network's Disability Special Interest Group will take place on Tues. 12th Dec. at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise (Maryborough room).

Further information available from Pamela Tynan at 057 8665661 or ptynan@laoiscoco.ie

"OPORTO"

War in West Africa – A Memoir by Noel Bradshaw cfc

"Oporto" is the story of Bro. Noel Bradshaw, a Christian Brother who was born in Lea, Portarlinton, during the desperate time of the Civil War in Sierra Leone. Bro. Noel stayed and supported medical teams in providing assistance to friend and foe alike. Despite the sad story of the tragedy of this most violent war, the book presents the kindness, courage & love of many of the ordinary people of Sierra Leone.

Available in the Parish Office or phone 087-2590369.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 2017



The 4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza takes place on Sun. 17th Dec. at 8pm in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Mulled wine reception from 7pm. Tickets €10 available from the Love Port Office & also from Lillian Shield, Margaret Guijt Lawlor, Julia Leavy & Ann Bourke Dunne.

This year's proceeds go to the Amber Well Being Committee, Coláiste Íosagáin. Tickets also on sale in the [Portarlinton Credit Union](#) by the students of Coláiste Íosagáin on Friday & Saturday December 8th & 9th.

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 Portarlinton to meet all the children.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

4TH DECEMBER

Numbers 9, 13, 22, 23 – No Winner
€25 to each of the following:-
Lil Ryan C/o Parish Office
Antoinette Lawlor C/o Hilary

Colette Behan Snr.
Paul & Eva C/o Hilary
Pat Gorman C/o Pat

Next week's jackpot €11,400

GRINDS – ENGLISH & GERMAN

Leaving Certificate & Junior Certificate English and German grinds in the Laois area.
Phone Emer on 085-1297496

ENROLMENT – SCOIL NAOMH EOIN,

KILLENARD

Enrolment forms available from the School Reception from Mon. 8th Jan. Closing date for enrolment is Fri. 26th Jan. at 5pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Church Gate Collection for St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will take place weekend of 16th / 17th December. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your very generous support in the past.

Dancing in Aid of Portarlinton St Vincent de Paul every Monday night in [the Gandon Inn Hotel & Restaurant](#). Monday night dancing at our Christmas party on December 18- music by Unity. Dancing 9.30pm to 12. A great night assured.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB 2017

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

21st – 23rd December

at Supervalu & Centra, Main Street, Portarlinton

Hamper distribution will be made to those in need in our community. Letter for application can be dropped into Portarlinton St Vincent de Paul Shop, Brian Whelan Electrical Portarlinton or Portarlinton Lions Club Post Box @ Credit Union. Only Letters Dropped into the designated areas listed above will be considered. No personal callers or letters to members can be considered. Closing Date for Application is 15th December 2017
all requests must have full address & telephone number.

2017 EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER

The Emigrant Newsletter is on sale in the following shops: Centra Kilmalogue; Spar Express, Station Road; Burbage's Main Street; Fletcher's Newsagents Main Street; The Post Office; Slevin's Bracklone Street; Central Stores Main Street; Parish Office. **PRICE €4.**

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS

CAROLLERS

Christmas Concert

Sunday 17th December

In St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton commencing at 4pm. Come along with your family & friends to enjoy traditional carols along with some festive cheer. Treats for all the children & for the grown-ups who join in!
NO ADMISSION CHARGE – FREE TO ALL!

HEALTHY HUB

Nutrition Club, Portarlinton, has moved. Now upstairs at Lyles Shoes, Main St. We are there Monday to Friday from 9am each day, or you can ring for an appointment at a time that suits you. There is still time to tone up for Christmas. All of December our professional body scan is free. Get a head start on your 2018 New Year resolutions. Book now or call in any morning. Contact Bernie /John on 086-2596618.

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