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PARISH OFFICE

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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.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington

Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish



Sunday 15th December 2024

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

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WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 14th December 6.15pm

Kathleen & James McKenna, Foxcroft Avenue (M.M.); Denise Geoghegan, Cathair na gCapaill (2nd Anniv.); Lily Tinkler, Assumpta Tce. (3rd Anniv.); Michael, Margaret & Liam Lawlor, Garryhinch; Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Josephine & James Nolan & dec. members of the Nolan Family, Walsh Island; Sunny Kennedy; Paul Nolan, Gracefield; Patrick & Marie McNelis; Ann, Kevin & Paul McNelis; Ann Shortall, Market Square & Pine Villa; Gary Lanigan, Castlelea View; Jim Fahy, Arlington Est; Niall Cox; Ger Knight; Marty Flanagan; George & Margaret Hickey; Bernie Nolan, St. Joseph's Terrace

Sun. 15th December 12.15pm

Cyril & Marie O'Brien, The Hawthorn; Paddy Young, Bracklone St; Celine Knight & Annie Phillips; May, Gus & Blaise Duffy, Cushina; Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St; Har Allen, Mountmellick; Patsy & Esther Murphy, Station Rd. & Lea; Dec. members of the Doyle & O'Connor Families, Treascon; John & Kathleen Murphy, London & Treascon; Michael, David & Marian O'Brien; Eilish & Timothy Devaney, Nenagh; Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square;

Sat. 21st December 6.15pm

Andrew McBride, Avondale (1st Anniv.); Bernadette (Berlo) Greene, Assumpta Tce; (2nd Anniv.); William & Bernadette Maloney, St. Brigid's Sq; Dec. members of the Malone Family; Frank & Mary Ward, Bracknagh & daughter Ann; Paddy & Kathleen Dwyer, Spa St; Mary Lernehan (nee Dwyer), Dublin; Ann Whyte (nee Dwyer), Australia & Spa St; Dec. members of the Broughall, McCormack, Power & Delaney Families, Ullard; Eileen Nolan, Congress Tce;

Sun. 22nd December 12.15pm

Andy Gallagher, Birmingham & formerly Treascon (M.M.); Michael & Maureen Mulligan; John Mulligan, Bishopswood; Margaret Weldon, Patrick Avenue; Dec. residents of Patrick Street

CONFESSIONS

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



ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 15th December 10.30am

Tom Landy, Whitefields (2nd Anniv.); Lily O'Neill, Rosecourt; Christy Carroll Jnr. & dec. members of the Carroll Family; Mary & Pat Flanagan, Killenard; Madge Mulhall, Ballintogher (B/Day Rem.); Mike & May Mulhall, Ballintogher

Sun. 22nd December 10.30am

Una O'Leary, Killenure; Caroline McGrath, Bray

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 14th December 7.30pm

Darren Langford, Caron Bridge & dec. members of the Langford & Travers Families; Philip Carney, Killimy; Willie Gleeson; Christina & Michael Maher, Cloneyhurke; Mary Commins, New Inn (Anniv. & B/Day Rem.); Bridie Carroll, New Inn; Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons; Jim McEvoy, Coolaghy; Laurence Kehoe, Coolbanagher; Patrick & Catherine Walsh; Patrick Jnr., Fintan Walsh & deceased members of the Walsh Family, Cappakeel.

Sun. 15th December 11am

Maisie Keegan (5th Anniv.); Michael Keegan (9th Anniv.), Portarlington & Emo; Bridie Carroll, New Inn; Brigid Delaney, Killeen

Sat. 21st December 7.30pm

Bridie Carroll, New Inn; Edward & Josephine Dunne, Clonamone; Frank Behan; Kevin Eustace, Kildare; Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 15th December 9am

Eamon Mullen, Bracklone St. (19th Anniv.); David & Anne Mullen & dec. members of the Mullen Family; Lill Coleman, Jamestown Cross

Please pray for the following who died during the week:

Jim Browne, Avondale

Sean Egan, Cushina

Anne O'Brien (nee Doyle), London, formally Treascon (Aunt of Liam Murphy & Ann Marie Bannon, Lea)

Bridie Donegan (nee McEvoy), Cloneygowan / Kilcappagh & formerly Coolaghy
Phil Hanlon (nee Brannock), England & formerly of Cloneygowan (Sister of Frances Maher)
John Maher, Treascon House

ADORATION FOR ADVENT

In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington from 5-7pm each Sunday of Advent.

WEEKDAY

ANNIVERSARIES

Mon. 16th Dec. Ann Kennelly (nee Moran), Dublin & formerly Droughill (M.M.); Christy Kennedy, Lucan

Tues. 17th Dec. Deceased members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood

Wed. 18th Dec. John Lynch, Kilbride; Kathleen Mangan, (B/Day Rem.)

Thurs. 19th Dec. Dan & Joe McCann

Fri. 20th Dec. Una Kelly, Marian Hill; James & Maura McEvoy; Jerry McEvoy; Marie Pestal (nee McEvoy)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2024

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Tuesday 24th December

Evening Children's Mass at 6.15pm
Vigil Mass at 9pm

Wednesday 25th December

9am & 12.15pm

St. John's Church, Killenard

Tuesday 24th December

7pm Mass

Wednesday 25th December

10.30am Mass

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Tuesday 24th December

Vigil Mass 8.30pm

Wednesday 25th December

11am Mass

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Tuesday 24th December

7pm Mass

Wednesday 25th December

9am Mass



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

(Penitential Service for Christmas)

Tues. 17th December – Sacred Heart Church, Rath at 7pm

Tues. 17th December – St. Paul's Church, Emo at 8pm.

Wed. 18th December – St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick 7.30pm

Thurs. 19th December – St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

St. Michael's Parish, Portarlinton
Rehearsals during the week WEDNESDAY
18th at 7.30pm and SATURDAY 21st at 11am.

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.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to Portarlinton / Emo Parishes, please see bank details below, where you can transfer directly to the Parish Accounts.



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlinton BOFIE2D

Portarlinton Parish No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14

Portarlinton 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

GAEILGE LE CHEILE CONVERSATIONAL IRISH GROUP

Gaeilge le Chéile conversational Irish group will have the final meeting of 2024 in the Fisherman's Inn on Wed. 18th Dec. from 7.30pm to 9pm. Fáilte le cách. The group will return to meeting in the old school Vicarstown on Wed. 8th January 2025 from 7.30 to 9pm.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Christmas at Portarlinton Library

Portarlinton Library would like to wish all our patrons a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We still have plenty going on in the run up to Christmas so make sure to drop in and stock up on books for the festive season.

Mince Pie Morning – Thurs. 19th Dec. from 11am. Pop in and enjoy a cup of tea and a mince pie with us as we celebrate the Festive season.

Ho Ho Ho Family Storytime – Fri. 20th Dec. at 3pm. Enjoy a festive story brought to you by our library staff. No booking required.

Family Time Quiz Sheet - Pick up a quiz sheet throughout December, finish it together and be entered into a prize draw.

Christmas Hours:

We will be closed Tues. 24th – Sat. 28th Dec. inclusive. Open Jan. 31st 10am-3:30pm.

Closed Jan. 1st. Normal service resumes from Thursday Jan. 2nd

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS EVENT

Emo Court – Sun. 15th December (today).

Sunday's events begin at 2pm with a performance by the Ukrainian choir at 2pm. 3pm Pianist from the Laois School of Music Tatyana Vykhodtesva will give a performance in the drawing room. Then at 4pm there will be a grand finale performance by the Timahoe Male Choir. No booking required – FREE event.



We welcome into the Parish Christian Community through Baptism:-

Hailey Aoife Walshe, Kilnacourt Woods
Shane Adam Walshe, Kilnacourt Woods
Jason Cole, Kilnacourt Woods

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass concluding with the Rosary at 7pm.



ROSARY - EMO

St. Paul's Church, Emo – 3pm every day.

RATH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Mon. 16th December at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath. All donations on the night will go to the Oesophagal Cancer Fund. Everyone invited to join us for an evening of fun.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Church Gate Collection for St. Vincent de Paul.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Christmas Social Night: Sat. 14th December.

Music by Pat Costello. Doors open 9pm.

Admission €10. Lots of extra spot prizes.

Keep Fit: Wednesday and Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €5 each night.

Dancing Lessons:

Finished for the Christmas Season – Lessons will recommence in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Portarlinton & Emo Parishes

Available in Portarlinton Parish Office.

Donation €3. Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlinton & Emo Parishes over Christmas

IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Calendars 2025 (€10) / Christmas

Cards (2 packs €6 – Eight per

cards per pack) now on sale in the

Parish Office.. All proceeds go to

the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.



USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

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

SENIOR LINE

Would like someone to talk to over Christmas?

SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone [1800 80 45 91](tel:1800804591).

You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

So don't be alone and lift the phone.

DANA'S CROSS & CLOAK CONCERT

Abbeyleix

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sun. 2nd Feb. 2025 in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co Laois R32 VE24 (featuring local artists). Ticket €25 (Book on Eventbrite.ie). Further info. contact Antoinette 086 0803047.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2024

Portarlinton & Killenard 2024 Emigrant Newsletter is on sale in various shops around the town. Over 130 pages of news, views, history and folklore. Great gift at €5.

EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week. No. 9th Dec. 2024.

Numbers: 6,12, 19, 21. No Jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Patti McLoughlin C/o Meabh; Mary Dunne C/o Meabh; Toni Clancy C/o Colette Behan; May & PJ Kelly C/o PJ Kelly; Peadar, Joe & Cam C/o B. Gorman.

Next week's Jackpot €5,400 – Draw will take place on Mon. 16th December.



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GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

9th Dec. 2024 – Week No. 50. Numbers 24,

25, 1, 17. No jackpot winner. €50 to each of

the following:- Marian Dowling; Sean

Conroy; Lisa Shiels; Hannah Luttrell; Louise

McAteer. Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan.

Christmas Bonus prize of €30 each to:-

Sue Hanrahan / Roy Bradley / Senchail

O'Reilly / Eileen Mulligan. Next week's

Jackpot €2,400.

VACANCIES

Meals on Wheels Assistant Ref. 2370780

Caretaker/Maintenance Person (Port.

Community Centre) Ref. 2370781

Environmental Worker (Amenity Areas –

Port.) Ref. 2370782

Grounds Person (Arlington Football Club)

Ref. 2367555

Maintenance Person (Leisure Centre)

Ref. 2367556

For further information contact Martina

Smyth, CE Supervisor, at 057 8643458

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2024



APPEAL

Takes place in both Centra, Main Street and Supervalu on the weekend of Friday 20th and Sat. 21st Dec. 2024. Monies collected will be

used to purchase food vouchers and to

assist those who might need help over the

Christmas period. Due to the large number

of requests, all requests for vouchers must

be in writing from today, but no later than

December 17th to give us time to purchase

and deliver. The requests must contain a

phone number and your address or we

cannot help. Requests can be put into the

confidential box under the Notice Board in

Portarlinton Credit Union or left into Whelan

Electrical, Main Street. All requests are

dealt with in the utmost confidence. Thank

you, as always for your support, kindness is

never lacking, and it is greatly appreciated.

Please note that 100% of all monies raised

goes back into our Community.

EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sun. 15th December (today) in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise at 1pm. This is the first time back since Covid pandemic.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Portarlinton Concert Band are

hosting their Christmas Concert

on Fri. 20th December at 8pm in

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road.

Featuring the Beginners band; Junior band;

Senior band and the Drum Corp. All

welcome. Adm. €10. Students free.

