

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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Advent

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



MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Church, Emo
 7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),
 11am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church, Rath
 9am Sunday



Advent

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) – YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 17th Dec. 10am Joseph & Margaret Murphy & Deceased members of the Murphy Family, Ballycullane

Tues. 18th Dec. 10am John Lynch, Kilbride (1st Anniv.) & Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (Birthday Rem.)

Wed. 19th Dec. 10am Thomas & Esther Mack; Mary, Jimmy & Tommy Mack, St. Michaels Park

Thurs. 20th Dec. 10am Kathy & Mick Brennan; Ted Lawlor, Foxcroft Street

Fri. 21st Dec. 10am Catherine & James Hennessy, Bracklone Street



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; Darren O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square; Jim & Josie Flanagan, Gracefield; Eileen Dickinson; Eugene & Mary Boland, Main Street

Saturday 22nd December – 6.15pm

Esther & Michael Murphy, Annamoe & Michael Murphy Jr. Jack & Christina McCormack, Ullard; Dec. members of the Broughill, Power & Delaney Families; Una Kelly, Marian Hill; Colette O'Callaghan, Deerpark; Patrick & Mary Ann Brannock; dec. members of Brannock Family

Sunday 23rd December – 12.15pm

Jack Boylan, Spa St. (2nd Anniv.)
 Bridget Denton, Church View (2nd Anniv.)
 Margaret Weldon, Patrick's Ave; Dec. members of the Murphy Family, Kilmalogue Cross; Bartle Fitzmaurice, Denis Brennan, Frank Connolly & Patrick Miller & Dec. members of the Miller & Connolly Families, St. Michael's Park.



ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 16th December – 10.30am

Edward McGoldrick, Killenard, Templeogue & Sligo (M.M.); Mary Flanagan, Killenard James & Bridie Keogh, Rathleash, Fr. Tom Keogh & Dec. members of the Keogh Family, Rathleash; Kathleen Elmon (nee Keogh), Rathleash; Alice Lalor; Christy Carroll Jnr. & Dec. members of the Carroll Family; Eugene & Mary Boland, Main Street

Sunday 23rd December – 10.30am

Una O'Leary, Killenure;
 Caroline McGrath, Bray

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 15th December – 7.30pm

Donal Fenlon, Ballybrittas; Catherine Ramsbottom, New Inn; Catherine & Patrick Walsh & dec. members of the Walsh Family, Cappakeel; Molly, John & Martin Brophy, Killeen; Joe Mulhall, Cappakeel; Laurence Kehoe, Coolbanagher

Sunday 16th December – 11am

Saturday 22nd December – 7.30pm

Darren Langford, Caron & deceased members of the Travers & Langford Families; Bridie Kavanagh, The Commons; Brigid Carroll, New Inn; Edward & Josephine Dunne, Clonamone; Ann O'Byrne; Deceased members of the Emo Choir. Norah Scully, Coolaghy,
Sunday 23rd December – 11am
 Michael Keegan, Botley Court; Kevin Eustace, Kildare; Dec. members of Emo G.A.A. Club

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 16th December – 9am

Michael & Bridget Chambers, their Son, Michael Chambers, Ballymorris & dec. members of the Chambers Family, Bellgrove

CHRISTENING

We welcome into our Christian Community
PORTARLINGTON
 Ruby Sarah-Kate Duffy, Ballintogher

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington next Sunday, 23rd December from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.



CHRISTMAS 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.

LECTORS (READERS)

22nd / 23rd December 2018

Please note there is a separate rota for Christmas Masses

Portarlington:

6.15pm Anita Donohoe / Sun. 9am John Prior / 12.15pm Sinead Dunne

Killenard:

Sun. 10.30am Tom Coleman



Emo: Sat. 7.30pm Ellen Dunne

Sun. 11am Sadhbh Hanneffy

Rath: Sun. 9am Aileen Doyle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

22nd / 23rd December 2018

Please note there is a separate rota for Christmas Masses

Portarlington Team B
 Killenard Team A

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2018

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

(PENITENTIAL SERVICE)

Tues. 18th December: St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 7.30pm
 Wed. 19th December Rath 7.30pm
 Wed. 19th December: Emo 8.15pm



CONFESSION TIMES

Sat. 15th & 22nd December St. Michael's Church, Portarlington after evening Mass.
 Sat. 22nd December St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 11am-12.30pm.
 Sat. 15th & 22nd December St. Paul's Church, Emo after evening Mass.
 Christmas Eve: St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 7.30pm-8.30pm.



Prayer

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington, 6pm (Children's Mass)
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 9pm (Carol Service 8-9pm)
 St. John's Church, Killenard 7.30pm
 St. Paul's Church, Emo 9pm
 Sacred Heart Church, Rath 7pm



CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 9am & 12.15pm
 St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am
 St. Paul's Church, Emo 11am
 Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am



ST STEPHEN'S DAY

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 10am Mass

O DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 10.12.2018

Numbers were: 04,12,15,28. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner's this week were Elaine Bannon, Cathal Bannon, Sean, Sarah & Conor Fitzpatrick. Promoter - Eddie Fitzpatrick. Next week's Jackpot: €6,800. 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!

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.

ENROLMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019 / 2020

Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Enrolment forms for Scoil Náisiúnta Naomh Eoin, Killenard are available from school reception & to download from our website www.killenardschool.weebly.com from Mon. 7th January 2019. Closing date for application is Thurs. 31st January 2019 at 5pm.

St. Patrick's Boys National School

Pre-Enrolment forms for Junior Infants and 1st class will be available from the school office & the school website, from 7th Jan. 2019. School website: www.stpatricksbns.ie

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Now accepting enrolments for the 2019 - 2020 school year. If you require an application form please ring the office (057-8646868) between 9am & 1pm or e-mail secretary@emons.ie. Closing date for applications Fri. 25th Jan. 2019.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

The above committee thank everyone who supported their recent Church gate collection. All money raised goes towards the continued advancement of the band. Thanks also to everyone who attended the Band's debut performance, the Golf Club Men's Choir, Dr. Lary Fullam & the Golf Club itself, for their co-operation.

P.C.D.A.

The Portarlington Community Development Assoc (PCDA) thank everyone who made their Red Dress fundraiser night such a success. To all who attended, to the Anvil Inn for facilitating the night, to Peter McEvoy for the music and to the businesses who donated spot prizes. All proceeds go to support local community projects by P.C.D.A. including the Derryounce Project.

Important Announcement

The Derryounce committee have had reports of motor bikes on Derryounce Lakes & Trails damaging the surfaces that are currently being upgraded. If anyone witnesses motor bikes etc. on the trails can you please let us know at Love Port Facebook, or phone 085-856 8801.

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. Thank all who contributed during the past year.



CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2018

For 2018 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 2018, 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 at all times.



CHEQUES



Due to Bank requirements, all cheques made payable to the Parish should have the correct Account name.

Portarlington Parish:

Portarlington Parish Number 1 Account

Emo Parish:

Emo Parish Number 1 Account

Priests Collections

Portarlington: *Portarlington Clergy Fund*

Emo: *Emo Clergy Fund*

Individual Priests names should not be written on the cheques.

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 / Euro Valu, Kilmalogue, Also available in the Parish Office. Price €4.

SUAIMHNEAS, CAPPAKEEL, EMO

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

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.

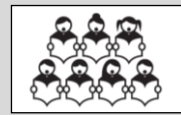
USED STAMPS

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



PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS

CAROLLERS



Annual Christmas Concert today!

Sunday 16th December 2018

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

All are welcome. Admission FREE.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN REACH OUT GIFT

Reach out Cards containing the Christmas message from Bishop Denis, Christmas arrangements & the Reach-out gift (Prayer Card) are available at the Church porches.

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

'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. €15.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO - 10th DEC. 18

Numbers 3, 9, 14, 23 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:
Pauric Duffy C/o Mick; Caroline Gleeson C/o Hilary; Christina Grundy C/o Maeve; Sarah O'Reilly C/o Emo Shop; Pete Corcoran C/o Majella.
Next week's Jackpot €3,400 plus 10 prizes of €25.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Christmas Appeal - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection for St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. Your donations are needed, especially this time of year. Thanks also to the Collectors.

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Next rehearsals will take place on Tues. 18th Dec. after the Penitential Service & on Thurs. 20th December at 7pm in St. Michael's Church.

GRACEFIELD / WALSHISLAND

COMMUNITY GAMES

The area AGM will take place on Mon. 17th Dec. in Hoppers Lounge, Walsh Island at 8pm. New / old members welcome. Please attend as if we have no Committee we will have no area Community Games!

CHANGE A LIFE

BECOME A FOSTER CARER

Fostering teams in Laois & Offaly are currently undertaking a campaign to recruit foster carers for children of all ages. If you are interested you can contact your local team on 057-9319280 or go to www.fostering.ie.

WANTED - GRINDS

Looking for qualified teacher to give grinds in Maths, Irish & German / Higher level Junior Cert. Phone 086-8275949.