



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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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](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)

Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> November 6.15pm

Ger Hyland, Station Road (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.);  
Dec. members of the Hyland & McCormack  
Families; Paddy McEvoy & deceased members  
of the McEvoy Family; Mary & John Greene &  
son, Michael Greene, Assumpta Terrace;  
Teresa McMahon, Bracklone Street; Tom &  
Sheila Troy; Jerry & Willa Murphy, Droughill;  
Mick & Molly Dunne, Cloneyquinn, John &  
Margaret Bolton, St. Michael's Park,

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> December 12.15pm

Bridget Emerson, Bishopswood (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.);  
Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce; Adam Finlay,  
Crowe Lane; Maura, James & Patrick Crossan  
& deceased members of the Crossan Family

### Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> December 6.15pm

Luis Gomez Perez, Mountmellick Rd. & Spain  
(M.M.); Michael Ward, St. Michael's Park (4<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Ann Burbage, Spa St. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Kevin Slattery, Botley Court & his son John  
Slattery; Peg & Joe O'Connor & dec. members  
of the Bourke, Walsh, Douglas & O'Meara  
Families; Paddy Confrey & deceased members  
of the Dowling Family

### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> December 12.15pm

Patsy O'Malley, Clanmalire (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Clare O'Byrne, Station Rd. (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Elizabeth Flanagan, Glasshouse; Eugene &  
Mary Boland, Main Street; Anne Keane,  
Woodbrook (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

## † DECEASED †

Please pray for the following people who  
died during the week:



### Andy Gallagher

England and formerly Treascon

### John Bambrick

Malahide, Dublin & Stradbally (brother of Tony  
Bambrick)



We welcome into the Parish Christian  
Community through Baptism:-

Sebastian Beno, Crann Nua

Oscar Lee Kirby, Crann Nua

Indie Ita Smith, Kilkeeran

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.30am

Bridget Kiernan (M.M.) & Thomas Kiernan,  
Lea Road; Mary McElwee, Mountmellick &  
Killenard (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Kathleen Hickey,  
Lea Road (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

## ANNIVERSARIES

### EMO

### Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

Sarah Ann Kelly, Carn (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Jack &  
Maureen Nerney, Cappakeel; Jim & Mary  
Nerney, The Poplars, Cappakeel; Mary  
Commins, New Inn, (Birthday Remembrance &  
Anniv.)

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am

Deceased members of Emo Choir  
Noel Davis, Emo Park

### Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

Ned Ryan, Morette (M.M.)  
Bridget Keegan, Morette, (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.);  
Daniel Keane, Rath  
Robert Pigott, Woodbrook

### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> December 11am

Patrick Mangan, Caron

## ANNIVERSARIES

### RATH

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> December 9am

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### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> December 9am

Christina Molloy, Fisherstown (M.M.)



2025

This weekend, the First Weekend of Advent, we  
welcome, to our Mass the children from the  
parish who will receive their Sacrament of First  
Holy Communion in 2025.

## FIRST FRIDAY



Friday next, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec., is the First Friday of the  
Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

Portarlington 10am Friday

Rath 9.30am (Thursday)

Emo. 9.15am (Friday)

## ADORATION FOR ADVENT

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

## CHRISTMAS STATIONS



Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to  
the recent Christmas Station Collection.  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2024

This year's Emigrant Newsletter is  
available and on sale after all Masses  
this weekend.



Over 130 pages of  
news, views, history  
and folklore. Great  
value at €5. The  
following local shops  
will stock copies of the  
Newsletter:-

Centra, Kilmalogue &  
Main Street; Earley's  
Kilmalogue; Spar  
Express, Station Road; Slevin's, Bracklone;  
Burbages Supermarket, Main St; Supervalu;  
The Post Office; Dowling's Gala, Killenard;  
Sheila Dunne, Rathmiles; The Parish Office.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The National Annual St Vincent de Paul  
Collection will take place at all masses on  
the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supports  
St Vincent de Paul. Your donations are  
always appreciated.

You can contact St. Vincent de Paul  
On 087 7640557



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

### St. Michael's Parish, Portarlington

Rehearsals have commenced with two  
rehearsals per week for the four weeks of  
Advent:- **Rehearsals during the week**

**TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. and FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup>  
December 7.30pm.**

All welcome to come and join our Choir.

## ADVENT 2024

A central message in Advent is HOPE.  
Hope is the person of Jesus who lived and  
died for us, and who walks with us in every  
experience of our lives. Pope Francis will  
open a Jubilee Year of Hope at Christmas.  
In a world so much in need of hope, may this  
Advent season help us to welcome the Hope  
that swells within each human heart, the  
hope who is called Jesus Christ.

**FR. SEAN MURPHY SDB  
MEMORIAL FUND**

Fr. Sean dedicated his life to helping the poor and underprivileged in South Africa. He was supported in this work with funds raised by his family and friends here in Ireland. We would like to continue this good work. If you are in a position to support this cause, all donations received are greatly appreciated. Funds raised will be used to continue Fr Sean's missionary work to help those in greatest need in the areas where he served.

<https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/LiamMurphy1>

**O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS**

**Lotto Results**

Numbers drawn: 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: 14, 15, 23, 29. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 winner (Win/Share €100): Mary McGrath. Promoter: Tom Coleman. Congratulations to this week's winners!  
**Next Draw:** Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec., with a Jackpot of €3,700. Thanks for your support.

**Social Cards Night @ The Old Pound**

Our Social Cards Night is continuing at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse on Thursday nights. Starts from 7.30pm. All welcome and beginners encouraged. Instruction and guidance will be given. Don't let our traditional card games become a thing of the past!

**Christmas Social and Hamper Draw**

Join us at O'Dempsey's clubhouse, for our Christmas Social Night on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm. Christmas jumpers and festive wear encouraged - Prize on the night for the best dressed! Juvenile Christmas Hamper Draw will take place 9pm.

**PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**

Phone 057 8643751 to book or Email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

**Family Time Craft Table**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm

**Family Story-time with Santa and Helena the Storyteller** - Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 10am.

**Cookie Decorating**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Have fun decorating Christmas Cookies. Slots available from 5pm-6:30 pm. Booking essential.

**Ho Ho Ho Family Storytime**

Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3pm & Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3pm.

Enjoy a festive story brought to you by our library staff. No booking required

**Mince Pie Morning** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 11am. Pop in and enjoy a cuppa & mince pie with us as we celebrate the festive season.

**Family Time Quiz Sheet**

Pick up a quiz sheet throughout Dec., finish it together to be entered into prize draw.

**Stay and Play with National Action Plan for Childminding**

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 3:30-5pm Suitable for children aged 2-8pm. It will be an action-packed morning with lots of activities for your little ones! Further info. & booking call Darina 085 1703772.

**EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. This is the first time back since Covid pandemic.

**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

**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.



**ADVENT WREATH**



The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. As we light the candles each week, we are made aware of our journey through the Advent Season. The use of evergreen leaves around the candles reminds us that God's love is everlasting.

**A BLESSING PRAYER**

Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**JESSE TREE**

The Jesse tree tells about the ancestry of Jesus through symbols and relates Scripture to salvation history, progressing from creation to the birth of Jesus.

**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. 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm 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.

**RATH NATIONAL SCHOOL  
PA Christmas Split the Pot**

5 Weekly draws UNTIL Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Tickets €5 available via the school, Donohar's, Iosa Linn, the Fishermans & FB page.

*Week 1 Winner - John Boland*

*Week 2 Winner - Ted & Rory O'Connell*

**RATH LADIES CLUB**

Flower Arranging Evening with Rosalinne. Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> December 8pm in the Fisherman's Inn. Demonstration of flower arrangements and Christmas wreaths. Each person is encouraged to participate and bring along some green foliage if available. Adm: €12. Further information from Margaret on 085 2724318 or Orla on 087 1335673.

**ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,**

**CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89**

**Christmas Social Night.**

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Every Thursday night with Noeleen 7.30pm-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER  
FOR ADVENT**

In the winter darkness, our Advent candle lights the way. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. God bless with your great light all those who walk in darkness tonight. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*



**EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO**

Week. No. 1959 – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024  
Numbers 4, 8, 12, 17 – No jackpot winner.  
€25 to each of the following:-  
Ger Hayden C/o Anne / Brian Fenlon  
C/o Anne / Pat Owens C/o S. Strong / Karen Purcell C/o S. Strong / Donna Booth  
C/o B. Gorman.  
**Next draw takes place 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.  
Jackpot of €5,000**



**GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW**

Date 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024  
Numbers 19, 25, 2, 11  
Jackpot winner Carol Smyth.  
€505 to each of the following:- Lorraine Hurley / Melanie Broderick / Pdraig Keegan / Carmel Orford / PJ Duffy. Promoter prize: Charlotte Breton.  
Next weeks' Jackpot €2,000

**Juvenile Christmas Hamper Draw**

Online tickets are available now and we will be at Supervalu on 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> December. All support is greatly appreciated. Draw will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Clubhouse at our Christmas Social.

**CONCERT**

**With Liam Lawton & Friends**

O Holy Night, Concert with Liam Lawton & Friends (including Perfect Harmony Choir) in St. Mary's Church Edenderry on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Doors open: 6.30 p.m., Concert: 7pm. Tickets: €15 each available from Anna-Marie Boutique, Mangan's Centra and the Parish Centre 046 9733311. Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church refurbishment.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Portarlington Women's Shed is hosting their Annual Christmas Market on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am -4pm in the Parochial Hall (Market Square). Lots of unique gifts – Free Santa Visit, Face Painting and Music.

**FOUND**

Dental plate found in car park outside school in Killenard. Please contact School.

**FOLKTALE OF MAEVE O'REGAN**

The Folktale of Maeve O'Regan' is a children's story from Ireland's past; bringing the child on a magical journey of fairies and ghosts. This book would make a great Christmas present for a child that loves to read. Donation from the sale of the book goes to Portarlington Meals on Wheels. Available from the Parish office, Whelehan's Newsagents, Solas Garden Centre, at Emo Craft Fair & online [www.Buythebook.ie](http://www.Buythebook.ie)

**KILLENARD CRAFT FAIR & SANTA'S  
GROTTO**

Killenard Craft Fair & Santa's Grotto Killenard Community Centre Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. at 11am (After Killenard Mass). Browse the stalls and see what gift ideas our local crafters have to offer. Bring the little ones to Visit Santa. Coffees, Crepes and baked goods to enjoy!

**LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS FOOD**

**APPEAL**



**Christmas Food Voucher Appeal**

Put your written request (Name & contact number) in the box located in Portarlington Credit Union or Whelan Electrical.