

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

DIOCESE www.kandle.ie **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info:1890 474 474

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney
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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 22ND DECEMBER 2024

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

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;
Michael & Elizabeth Woulfe; James & Mary
Flanagan; John Corcoran, Ballybrittas

Tues. 24th December 6.15pm

Jerome Bourke, Patrick Avenue; Jim, Mai &
Seamus Murphy, St. Brigid's Square & UK;
Joseph & Frances Mullen, St. Michael's Park;
Peggy & Mick Murphy & dec. members of the
Murphy, Annamoe; Jack Boylan, Spa St. (8th
Anniv.); Bridget Denton, Kilmalogue garden (8th
Anniv.); Seamus Colgan, Clondoolusk; Jim
Lawlor, Lea Rd; Paddy & Maryann Murray,
Cushina; Sons, Mike & Paddy Jnr; Frank &
Mollie Wyer; Dan O'Donoghue; Peter Sheils;
Walter Burke; Patsy Murray; John Geoghegan;

Fiona Lambe, Avondale; Johnny Allen,
Assumpta Tce; Catherine, Mary, Fran, Joan,
Pat, Jim & James Browne; Arthur & Ellen
Thompson, Son Luke; Mary & Ellen Malone;
Dec. members of Thompson & Malone Families,
Tullow & Kilbride; Matt & Gretta Quinn, daughter
Angela; granddaughter Caroline & grandson
Barry, Dublin, Drogheda & Monasterevin

Tues. 24th December 9pm Vigil Mass

Tommy Dunne, Patrick Ave; Julia Horan,
Church View; Clare O'Byrne, Station Rd; Billy &
Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill; Tom & Mollie
Keegan; Tommy Keegan & Abe Evans; Sean &
Eileen Powell, Spa St; Alan Jones & Noel
Jones, Garryhinch; Tom & Mollie Bambrick;
Elizabeth Bambrick & dec. members of the
Bambrick Family; Pete McLaughlin, Kilmalogue
Downs; Jack, Kathleen & Marian Keeley,
Wicklow; Lily Melia, Wicklow; John Corcoran,
Ballybrittas & dec. members of the Dempsey
Family, Cloneyhurke

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Wed. 25th December 12.15pm

Mary & Liam Carroll, Mountmellick; Sheila,
Elizabeth & Patrick Taylor, St. Michael's Pk. &
Bradford; Paddy Bennett, Main St.; Dec.
members of the Bennett Family; Joe Murphy;
Dec. members of the Murphy Family, Deerpark
Cross; Emmett McConville; Sister Patrick
Dunne, Walsh Island (4th Anniv.)

Sat. 28th December 6.15pm

Angela Shiels, Patrick Street (M.M.); Patrick
(Paddy) Earley, Bracklone St. (1st Anniv.); Ann
Browne, Ballymorris Manor (2nd Anniv.); Andrew
McCann, Ballymorris (1st Anniv.); Maureen &
Donie McDermott, Garryhinch; Pat Butler;
Stasia, Joe, Tommy & Maudie Walsh, Bracklone
St; Kathleen Banks (nee Walsh); Catherine
Milner, Walsh Island

Sun. 29th December 12.15pm

Andrew McCann, Ballymorris (1st Anniv.)

WEEKDAY - ANNIVERSARIES - PORT.

Mon. 23rd Dec. 10am Anthony (Chappy)
Maloney, Park Avenue (3rd Anniv.)

Thurs. 26th Dec. 10am Sean O'Keefe,
Bishopswood (3rd Anniv.)

Fri. 27th Dec. 10am Alice McCann / Ronan
Culleton; Christopher Gibney, London (Nephew
Murphy Family, Kilmalogue Cross)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 22nd December 10.30am

Olive Murray, Dublin (1st Anniv.); Una O'Leary,
Killenure; Caroline McGrath, Bray

Tues. 24th December 7pm

Frank, Una & Declan Noone; Seamus
O'Donnell, Clane; Eamon & James Bailey &
dec. members of the Bailey Family, Ashgrove;
Jack & Kathleen Carroll, Ballycarroll;
Deirdre Conroy, Lea; Thomas & Noreen
McNamara; Marie & Bob O'Connor, Lea

Sun. 29th December 10.30am

Frank Sheils, Garryvacum (1st Anniv.)
Helen Whelehan, Ballycarroll

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 22nd December 9am

Michael O'Connor, Courtwood, Vicarstown

Tues. 24th December 7pm

Jim Bailey & Eamon Bailey; Kathleen Boland &
Brigid Boland, Jamestown

Wed. 25th December 9am

John Fenlon, Ballyadden

Sun. 29th December 9am

Paddy & Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge; Joe &
Annie O'Dwyer; Dec. members of the O'Dwyer
Family; Mary Nugent; Sarah Whitbread

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ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 21st December 7.30pm

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

Sun. 22nd December 11am

John Corcoran, Ballybrittas

Tues. 24th December 8.30pm Vigil

Martin & Mary Gleeson, Morette;
Eddie Mulhall, Morette

Wed. 25th December 11am

Patrick & Annie Mangan, Caron; Dec.
members of the Mangan Family, Caron;
Ellen Mulhall & Margaret McNamee, Caron;
John & Mary Grennan & daughter Christina,
Tullamore

Sat. 28th December 7.30pm

May Rowe, Killimy; Martin & Anne Buggy,
Knightstown; Kathleen Keegan, Lough (7th
Anniv.)

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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions after 6.15pm Mass in St.
Michael's Church this evening (Sat. 21st
Dec.) Confessions on Saturday's at 12 noon

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK:

Veronica (Vera) O'Connor nee Kearney, Dublin & formerly Ballybrittas

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS – PORTARLINGTON

Christmas Eve 6.15pm Portarlinton

The Ryan Family Choir

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 9pm

St. Michael's Parish Choir with their Annual Carol Service commencing at 8pm. Come early and enjoy the music.

Christmas Day 9am

St. Michael's Parish Choir

Christmas Day 12.15pm

Conroy Family Choir & Friends

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.

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 OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will close on **Mon. 23rd December** and re-open **Thurs. 2nd January 2025**. Office opening hours Mon – Fri. 9.30am – 1.30pm. All notices for the Parish Newsletter to be in with the Office by **Wednesday of each week**.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches. 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

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

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

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Next Social Dance will be held on Friday 3rd January 2025. Dancing to Pat Daly. Doors open 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.



Kildare & Leighlin Christmas Message 2024

At the very centre of the word 'incarnation' is the noun 'caro' meaning flesh. God assumes our flesh. He who is everywhere, allows himself to be restricted in our human body, in our broken and bruised world. Christmas is once again marvelling at this becoming flesh, the fact that He "became flesh" (Jn. 1:14).



Christmas reminds us that God completely assumed our human condition. We sometimes ask, why did He do it? Because He cares for us, loves us, wants to hold us close to Him and particularly those who are fragile or tender.

As we contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation this Christmas, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for God's immense gift to humanity. But we can't just leave it there; Christmas calls us to be that gift to others. As Pope Francis reminded us in his homily at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 2023 in St. Peter's Basilica "Christ does not look at numbers, but at faces". This Christmas, as we prepare to step into a Jubilee Year of Hope, may we realise He sees our face and He smiles at the greatest gift we can give, the gift of being present to and for one another, the gift of our hearts. Pope Francis' latest encyclical Dilexit Nos means "He Loved Us". He invites us to draw closer to one another and to allow our hearts to be transformed. Looking on the crib at Christmas allows us to do just that.

May our hope, this Jubilee Year, be grounded in the incarnate Christ. As the Jubilee Prayer prays "may your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the gospel". Blessings and good wishes to all for Christmas and 2025. ✠ Denis

A MEAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Loving God, on this Christmas day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace & joy. Bless us as we sit down together at this table for our Christmas meal. Bless the food we share, and help us to remember those who are hungry.

Be with our neighbours and our friends, all who are lonely, sick or away from home. We pray that our departed loved ones may now sit at your table in heaven. May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead. **AMEN**

SENIOR LINE

Senior Line is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Free phone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. Senior Line's volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser is being held in aid of the Irish Cancer Society in honour of Thomas Fingleton, Shandra, Portarlinton. This fundraiser is being organised by Portarlinton I.F.A. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code below, follow the link to the donation page or donate at a fundraising



night on the 24th Jan. 2025 at 8pm in the Golf Club, Portarlinton, to show our appreciation for all who have donated. We would love to see you there for refreshments & a cheque presentation to the Irish cancer society.

EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week. No. 1962 – 16th Dec. 2024
Numbers 8, 9, 12, 24 – Jackpot Winner: O'Connor Family, Coolaghy
€25 to each of the following:
Ber Wheeler c/o Bernie; Geraldine Finlay c/o Ann Lowry; Jim Bastick c/o Emo GAA; Colette c/o C. Behan; The Ryan Family c/o Maeve; Christine Ryan c/o Maeve; Darren Strong /c/o Emo GAA; Barry Clegg c/o Maeve; Ann Marie Burke c/o Emo GAA; Marie & Andrew Deering c/o Ann
Next draw takes place 13th January 2025 with a Jackpot of €2,000.



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

16th Dec. 2024 – Numbers 6, 3, 16, 8
No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Edward Geoghegan; Megan Orange; Pat Keegan; Betty & Niall Corcoran; Paula Nolan. Promoter prize: Paddy Mulligan. Christmas Bonus prize €30 each:- Ger Greene; Amy Slevin; Aisling Curley; Tony Mullen. Next week's jackpot €2,600.

VACANCIES

Portarlinton, County Laois
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

CARING IN OFFALY – C.E. SCHEME

Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2371060, Portarlinton area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711/ ahackett@familycarers.ie

GAEILGE LE CHEILE CONVERSATIONAL

IRISH GROUP

Gaeilge le Chéile conversational Irish group will return Wed. 8th January from 7.30pm – 9pm in the old school Vicarstown.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ be with you and your loved ones this Christmas



The Priests of the Parish wish all Parishioners a happy & peaceful Christmas.

DANA'S CROSS & CLOAK CONCERT

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.