

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.

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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 29TH DECEMBER 2024

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

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; Statia, Joe, Tommy & Maudie Walsh, Bracklone St; Kathleen Banks (nee Walsh); Catherine Milner, Walsh Island

Sun. 29th December 12.15pm

Andrew McCann, Ballymorris (1st Anniv.)
John & Annie Dunne, Garryhinch, Bridie & Peter Dunne, Patrick & Dora Goley, Roskeen, Geashill

Sat. 4th January 6.15pm

Rose McCann, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.);
Patrick Ryan, Arlington Est; Nuala Murphy, Main St; Eamon Scott, Shandra; Stephen McCormack, Dereen, Cloneygowan; John Gorman, Cloneygowan; Christina O'Connor, St. Brigid's Square; Tom Murphy, Corrig; Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (9th Anniv.);

Sun. 5th January 6.15pm

Agatha (Aggie) Meehan, Bracklone St. (M.M.);
Lauri Lawlor Jnr. & Snr., Kilbride; Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (9th Anniv.); James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina; Dec. members of the Kelly Family; Christy (Brophy) Smith, Ballymorris (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 29th December 10.30am

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

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 28th December 7.30pm

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

Sat. 4th January 7.30pm

Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 29th December 9am

Paddy & Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge; Joe & Annie O'Dwyer; Dec. members of the O'Dwyer Family; Mary Nugent; Sarah Whitbread; Thomas & Mary Blance; Peter & Mary Blanche; Thomas & Catherine McHale; Joseph McHale

Sun. 5th January 9am

Ena O'Connell (nee Deegan), 1st Anniv.;
Tim O'Connell, Coolroe; Caroline Malone, Kilbracken (5th Anniv.); Joe & Molly Currims, Naas; Dec. members of the Coffey & Currims Families; Joe Waldron, Naas (2nd Anniv.);

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON WEEKDAY

Tues. 31st Dec. Charlie Dunne, Bracknagh (1st Anniv.); James Kennedy, Gracefield
Wed. 1st Jan. Mairead Kennedy, Bog Road
Fri. 3rd Jan. Maggie Kelly, Annamoe (6th Anniv.)

PRAYER - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*O God, bless our family
and all its members & friends;
bind us together by your love.
Give us kindness & patience
to support each other;
and wisdom in all we do.*

*Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts and remain with us.
May we rejoice in your blessings
for all our days. Amen.*



FIRST FRIDAY - 3RD JANUARY 2025

Friday next, 3rd January, is the First Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated in Portarlington at 10am.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



Lord,
You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
and
for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,
so that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1ST JANUARY

World Day of Peace, celebrated on Jan. 1st every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The Pope & the Vatican Church stress the need to care & share tolerance for each other, & to create a society that focuses on good moral values & does not yield to the temptation to disregard others. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace.

HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

A Jubilee – or Holy Year is marked every 25 years by the Universal Church, as a time of dedicated prayer so as to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another, and with all of creation. The Theme for the Jubilee Year is PILGRIMS OF HOPE.

This theme invites us to recognise the Christian hope that is at the centre of our faith, a hope we carry with us into every experience of our life. It also encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-

Deirdre Quinn, Dublin & formerly Killenard
Sean (John) Shortall, Bracklone Street
Stefan James Dunne, USA & formerly Crowe Lane, Portarlington
Tom Dunne, Glasnevin & formerly Ballybrittas

**IMPORTANT DATES
2025**

Ash Wednesday 5th March
Good Friday 18th April
Easter Sunday 20th April
Ascension – 1st June
Pentecost – 8th June
Trinity Sunday – 15th June
Corpus Christi – 22nd June
First Sunday Advent – 30th November

THE PARISH OFFICE



The Parish Office will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025. Notices for the Parish Newsletter and Anniversaries **must be into the office by Wednesday of each week** for inclusion that weekend. We wish everyone a very happy New Year.

Jubilee of Hope

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

Logo

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

MARRIAGE & THE JUBILEE OF HOPE

Bishop Denis & Accord will mark the Jubilee of Hope, celebrating with engaged & married couples on the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th Jan. in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow at 7pm. All are invited; those preparing for marriage, all married couples – particularly those celebrating Jubilees, & those remembering the love of their departed spouses, who are with God in heaven. Come along, pray, celebrate and give thanks. After Mass all are invited to refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Centre.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE FOR THE
CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO
ACUTIS**

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlow Carlo Acutis 25th - 29th April. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms, and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025



Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thurs. 6th March, 2025 at 11.30am
in St. John's Church, Killenard



**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke
N.S.**

Thurs. 13th March, 2025 at 11am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.

Thurs. 13th March, 2025 at 2pm in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Thurs. 27th March, 2025 at 11am in
St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Thurs. 27th March 2025 at 2pm in
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025



St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Sun. 4th May 2025 at 11am in
St. Paul's Church, Emo



Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.

Sat. 10th May, 2025 at 11.30am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 17th May, 2025 at 11.30am in
St. John's Church, Killenard

**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road &
Cloneyhurke N.S.,**

Sat. 24th May, 2025 at 11.30am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sat. 7th June, 2025 at 11.30am in
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

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.



THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent collection for the Priests of the Parish and also for your contributions to the parish over the year. Your generosity is to be commended. We thank all who attended the Christmas Ceremonies and who viewed the Ceremonies on our Webcam. We thank the Organists, Choirs, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, those who decorated the four Churches and who erected the Cribs.

**The Priests of the Parish
wish all Parishioners a
HAPPY, SAFE & PEACEFUL
2025**

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 1051 4302 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

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 to all.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

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 2023, 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.



**EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO
NEXT DRAW TAKES PLACE ON
Mon. 6th January, 2025**

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

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



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgmental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123, Text 087 2609090
Email jo@samaritans.org

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings & princes are home,
when the shepherds are back
with the flocks,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way,
in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.**

Howard Thurman, adapted

