

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.

The Priests of the Parish
wish all Parishioners a
HEALTHY, SAFE & PEACEFUL



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 5TH JANUARY 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

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 (2nd Anniv.); Tom Murphy,
Corrig; Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (9th
Anniv.)

Sun. 5th January 12.15pm

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.); Jack & Billy Hyland, Garryhinch;
Gerard Kelly, Seskin

Sat. 11th January 11am

Paddy Keogh, USA & formerly Patrick Street -
Mass & Burial of Ashes

Sat. 11th January 6.15pm

Marie Confrey, St. Michael's Park (1st Anniv.)
Michael (Mick) Murphy, Annamoe (9th Anniv.)
& dec. members of the Murphy Family

Sun. 12th January 12.15pm

Maureen McEvoy, Avondale; Bridget & John
O'Donnell & grandson, Philip Brennan; Ann
Connolly, Spa St; Mollie Coughlan, Kilmalogue

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 12th January 10.30am

John Maher, Treascon (M.M.)
Mary O'Leary, Killenure (4th Anniv.)
Eberhard Bauer, Germany & Clonanny
Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum (25th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 4th January 7.30pm

Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy
Mary Maher, Portlaoise & Eyne (2nd Anniv.)
Andy & Nuala Hyland, Morette

Sat. 11th January 7.30pm

JJ Treacy, Morette (1st Anniv.)
Teresa Ryan, Woodbrook (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

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.); Liam Carroll,
Courtwood (4th Anniv.); Clare Dunne, Bellgrove

Sun. 12th January 9am

Anne Tynan, Jamestown; Ann Delaney, Coole

THE EPIPHANY

Monday 6th January, 2025



On 6th January we celebrate the Feast of the
Epiphany, which commemorates the arrival of
the three wise men and their recognition of
Jesus as the Messiah, the One sent by God.

In the Irish tradition it is often called
Nollaig na mBan or Women's Christmas.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday 6th January, 2025 is the Feast
of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day.
Masses on the Holy Day as follows:

Portarlington: 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard: 10.30am

Emo: 11am Rath: 9am

PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY

A STAR IS BORN



*The Magi were led to Christ by the
light of a star.*

*But they saw the star only because
they were not afraid to travel in the dark.*

*The fact is, we cannot see the stars
in the bright light of day,
but only in the darkness of night;
and the darker the night,
the brighter they shine.*

*In a sense, all of us are night-time travelers.
However, we need no longer fear the*

*darkness,
because with the coming of Christ
a light has come into the world,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that no darkness can overpower.*

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

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

✠ BAPTISMS ✠

We welcome into our Christian Community,
the following children who were Baptised:-

Ben McDermott, Rathmiles Grove
Fiadh Gillian Brigid Moore, Garryhinch
Seán David Lawless, Avondale
Hallie Grace Martin, Blackrock

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

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

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.

UPCOMING YOGA CLASSES

Mum and Baby Yoga
 Baby Massage Class
 Pregnancy Yoga

Booking and further details – Contact
 Catriona on 086-8890005.

PARISH CALENDAR 2025

Parish Calendar for 2023 now available at the Church porch or in the Parish Office.

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.

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 greatly appreciated. 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.

COLOURING PAGE FOR CHILDREN THE EPIPHANY

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, Portarlington

Portarlington Primary School, Station Rd.

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

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



Portarlington Primary School, Station Rd.

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

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, Portarlington

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, Portarlington. This fundraiser is being organised by Portarlington 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, Portarlington, 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.

INCLUSIVE ACTIVATOR POLE WALK

Tues. 14th Jan. (4 weeks). Commencing 11am at Derryounce, Portarlington – Meet at Marian hill entrance. Contact Catriona on 086 7935234. Poles provided.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

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



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlington BOFIE2D
Portarlington Parish No. 1 Account
 IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14
Portarlington 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

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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.

Lotto.



EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO
NEXT DRAW TAKES PLACE ON
Mon. 13th 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

