



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

#### 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; Richard Mangan, Spa St; Peg & Joe O'Connor & dec. members of the Bourke, Walsh, Douglas & O'Meara Families; Paddy Confrey & deceased members of the Dowling Family; Ned & Mindy Kelly, St. Michael's Park & daughter, Francis Kelly; Eileen & John Clarke, Marian Hill

#### 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.); Liz Hyland & dec. members of the Hyland and Myron Families

#### Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.15pm

Kathleen & James McKenna, Foxcroft Avenue (M.M.); Denise Geoghegan, Cathair na gCapaill (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Michael, Margaret & Liam Lawlor, Garryhinch; Peter (Dick) Murphy, Gracefield; Josephine & James Nolan & dec. members of the Nolan Family, Walsh Island; Sunny Kennedy; Paul Nolan, Gracefield; Patrick & Marie McNelis; Ann, Kevin & Paul McNelis; Ann Shortall, Market Square & Pine Villa; Gary Lanigan, Castlelea View

#### Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> December 12.15pm

Cyril & Marie O'Brien, The Hawthorn; Paddy Young, Bracklone St; Celine Knight & Annie Phillips; May, Gus & Blaise Duffy, Cushina; Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St; Har Allen, Mountmellick; Patsy & Esther Murphy, Station Rd. & Lea; Dec. members of the Doyle & O'Connor Families, Treascon; John & Kathleen Murphy, London & Treascon; Michael, David & Marian O'Brien; Eilish & Timothy Devaney, Nenagh

Please pray for the following who died during the week:



Angela Shiels, Patrick Street  
Agatha (Aggie) Meehan, Bracklone Street  
Anne McDonnell (nee Connolly), Cavan, formerly Doolagh

### ADORATION FOR ADVENT

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

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am

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#### Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am

Lily O'Neill, Rosecourt; Christy Carroll Jnr. & dec. members of the Carroll Family

### ANNIVERSARIES EMO

#### 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 Jack & Nellie Pigott, Woodbrook & dec. members of the Pigott & Coughlan Families; William, Kathleen & Maura Byrne, Emo; Dec. Members of the Coleman Family, Tinnakill; Dec. Members of Emo GAA; Mary Commins, New Inn (Anniv. & B/Day Rem.); Mary, Brian & Susan Fenlon, Bracknagh & Emo

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

Patrick Mangan, Caron

#### Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

Darren Langford, Caron Bridge & dec. members of the Langford & Travers Families; Philip Carney, Killimy; Willie Gleeson; Christina & Michael Maher, Cloneyhurke; Mary Commins, New Inn (Anniv. & B/Day Rem.); Bridie Carroll, New Inn

#### Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> December 11am

Maisie Keegan (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael Keegan (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Portarlington & Emo; Bridie Carroll, New Inn; Brigid Delaney, Killeen

### ANNIVERSARIES RATH

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

Christina Molloy, Fisherstown (M.M.)

#### Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> December 9am

Eamon Mullen, Bracklone St. (24<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); David & Anne Mullen & dec. members of the Mullen Family

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES

**Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Patricia Cunningham, Station Rd.  
**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield  
**Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Thomas Kennedy, St. Ml's Pk.  
**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** Mick & Cathy Brennan; Ted Lawlor

### CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

Confessions after the 6.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church from now until Christmas. Also on Saturdays at 12 Noon.

### 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 WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> December 11am.** All welcome to come and join our Choir.

### COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane; Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea; Portlaoise Rd; Kilbride

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy; Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

Second Sunday of



*For the desert places in which we walk,  
the streets we roam,  
the paths we cross.*

*Guide our feet, take us to places  
where You would go.*

*Give us words that You would use  
that in this Advent season of promise  
and preparation  
we might point the way with John the Baptist  
to the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!  
(Written by John Birch)*

### PORTRLINGTON & EMO PARISHES END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2023



Income & Expenditure Report for 2023 now available at the Church Porch. Please take home a copy.

### 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

### 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. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December: 5, 6, 8, 25. No Jackpot Winner. No Match 3 winner. Lucky Dips: Phil Donohoe, Cormac O'Hora. Promoter: Hubert O'Leary. Next draw Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> December with a Jackpot of €3,800. Thanks for your continued support with the club fundraiser.

#### Christmas Social and Hamper Draw

Join us at O'Dempsey's clubhouse for our Christmas Social Night on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 8pm. Christmas jumpers and festive wear encouraged - Prize for the best dressed! Our Juvenile Christmas Hamper Draw will take place around 9pm. We'll be in Super Valu on Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> & Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. for anyone looking to support, or tickets are available in local businesses.

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

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

#### 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.

#### Cookie Decorating

Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Have fun decorating Christmas Slots available from 5-6:30pm. Please book.

#### 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** Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 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.

### I.C.A. CRAFT FAIR

Mountmellick ICA Guild are hosting a Craft Fair today, Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 12 Noon – 4pm in the ICA Hall. Eircode R32 KV60 Free entry, local crafts, handmade gifts, Bric-a-brac, raffle on the day. All are welcome.



We welcome into the Parish Christian Community through Baptism:-  
*Eabha Whelan, Botley Court*

### 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 7pm 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, Donohoe's, Iosa Linn, the Fishermans & FB page.

### 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:

Finished for the Christmas Season – Lessons will recommence in the New Year.

### CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Portarlinton & Emo Parishes

**Available in Portarlinton Parish Office.**

**Donation €3.** Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlinton & 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.



### USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

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

### EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2024

This year's Emigrant Newsletter is available and on sale in various shops around the town.

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 **this weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 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.**

### EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week. No. 1960 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2024  
Numbers 10, 15, 19, 22 – No jackpot winner.  
€25 to each of the following:-

Declan O'Mahoney C/o Emo GAA; Colm Strong C/o S. Strong; Eileen, Rosemary & Geraldine C/o Parish Office; The O'Rourke Family C/o Deirdre; Rosaleen Kirwan C/o Deirdre Lawlor

**Next draw takes place 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Jackpot of €5,200**



# Lotto.

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2024 – Numbers  
Numbers 6, 31, 11, 2. No Jackpot winner.

**€50 to each of the following:-**

Ann Molloy; Buddy Murray; Adam O'Sullivan; Antoinette Mitchell; Trish Fleming. Promoter prize Pat Keegan  
**Christmas Bonus Prize of €30 each.**  
Ryan, Jack, Rosie & Bobby; JJ Nolan; Alan Bracken; Noeleen Murphy.  
Next week's Jackpot €2,200.

### 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.

### 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 Portarlinton 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)

### LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS FOOD



#### APPEAL

#### Christmas Food Voucher Appeal

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

### 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.

