

**Confessions:** Every Saturday-6.15pm-6.45pm in St. Brigid's Church,Portumna

**N.B.** Would appreciate if all **Trocaire Boxes** were returned.

**NB:** This week-end 02<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Priest's Retirement Fund.

**N.B.** Please take care when using Wheelchair Ramp. The rails should be in place in the very near future.

**Lost/Found:** Small amount of money found. Please contact Parish Office.

**Another** sum of money found-Please contact St. Vincent de Paul-087-3650922.

**Portumna Lotto:**

No winner last weekend. Numbers drawn were 21, 22, 27, 28. No match 3 winner. Donation of €50 to Portumna Mental Health & €50 to Darkness into Light. Current Jackpot is €5,300.00.Sellers prize went to Ollie Canning. Best of Luck to Portumna Senior Hurlers & Management when they play Sarsfields this Sunday in Loughrea at 1.30pm.

**Portumna Red Cross:**

"The Sean Murphy Memorial Walk" will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May @2pm from Car Park at Portumna Forest Park. Registration from 1pm and Fee €10.00. All welcome.

**Irish Blood Transfusion:**

In Lorrha Community Gaa Hall on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> May-3.00pm-4.45pm 7.00pm-9.30pm.

**Collaborative Exhibition Exploring Pollination:** In Abbey Community Centre this Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> May-3pm-6pm. Will be of interest to farmers,gardeners and those interested in preserving & caring of our natural heritage. Support much appreciated.

**World Meeting of Families 2018:**

Volunteers Required. Every parish will be involved in organizing & participating in events at local & national level in preparation for WMOF2018. Training provided. For more information contact your priest or Diocesan Co-Ordinator @ 083-8791745

**Learning for Life Series:**

Free event. Information Day on free courses available locally taking place in The Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe on Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May-10am-1pm and in Loughrea Hotel & Spa on Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> May-10am-1pm. No booking required. Te: 091-844335 or [e-mail fgarman@grd](mailto:fgarman@grd).

**SEGAHS Field Trip:**

Annual Sth. East Galway Archaeological & Historical "Field Trip" will take place Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> May led by Dr. Christ Cunniffe to Woodford & the Aughtys. Meeting place will be The Irish Workhouse Centre from 10am for refreshments before the journey. All welcome.

**Tourist Packs:**

The Irish Workhouse Centre are finalizing their 2017 Tourist Packs for distribution to different centres,tourist offices,hotels,etc. If you have a business in the region and would like them to include your brochures please call to the centre or [e-mail info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie).

**Vacant Property:**

If you have a vacant residential property that has being vacant for a least a year & requires repairs to bring it up to standard for renting, then you may avail of a new Repair & Leasing Scheme offered by Galway Co. Council. The council may pay for the repairs to bring the vacant property up to standard for renting,subject to a maximum of €40.000, & afterwards may pay to lease the property for a minimum of 10yrs. Further information available at Housing Unit(Galway Co. Council)-091-509003 or [e-mail-housing@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:e-mail-housing@galwaycoco.ie) or visit [www.galway.ie/housing](http://www.galway.ie/housing).

**Bealtaine Festival Musical Event:**

Free Bealtaine Musical Event at St. Brendan's Community Nursing Unit,Loughrea on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May -1.30pm-3.00pm. Hosted by Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre. Music by Evoke. Refreshments served. All welcome

**Intensive Study Camp:**

In Study Hub Loughrea for Junior & Leaving Cert Students from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am-5.00pm at a cost of €60.00. Teachers available throughout the week to give grinds in English,Maths,Irish,Science,Geography,French & Home Economics. Cost of grinds depends on demand. Contact Breda Coughlan-086-3792360. Places limited.

**Western Alzheimers Tea Day:** Many thanks to all those who contributed and gave their time to help with the Tea Day in Portumna Social Services Day Care Centre. The €756.20 raised will go into the services that Western Alzheimers provides.

**To view the parish newsletter online:** [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie) or [www.visitportumna.com](http://www.visitportumna.com)

**Please Note:**

Items for newsletter must reach parish office no later than **11am** each **Thursday**. Local parish events get priority

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon-Fri-10am-3pm.

# Portumna

# Parish

# Newsletter

**Sunday**

**07<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**04<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**Portumna Parish Announcements:**

**Sun 07<sup>th</sup> May. 2017 04<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> May. 7.00pm (A) Lennie & John Burke  
(A) Joseph Eames

Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> May. 11.00am (A) Flan & Sheila O'Flaherty  
(A) Michael & Mary Burke

Mon: 08<sup>th</sup> May. 10.00am- Private Intention.

Tue: 09<sup>th</sup> May. 10.00am-People of the Parish

Wed: 10<sup>th</sup> May. 10.00am (A) Gerard Hogan

Thurs: 11<sup>th</sup> May. 7.00pm

Fri: 12<sup>th</sup> May. 7.00pm (A) Francie & Ena Hynes

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> May: 7.00pm (A) Aine Ryan

(A) Patrick Glynn

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. 11.00am (A) Kathleen & John O'Hare

(A) Bridie McSweeney

**Ministers of the Word: Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> May & Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> May**

7pm: Ruth Conroy

11am: John Gannon

**Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

7pm: Mary Fahy, Sile Fahy, Elizabeth Ryan

11am: Muirne Goode, Sean O'Dwyer, Siobhain Tuohy

**Mass Servers: Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> May & Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

7pm:(C) Olivia Killackey, Conor Devane, Shannon Ward, Bernie Ward

11am:(F) Ruth Lohan, Petra Killeen, Philomena Ward, David Cunniffe

**Masses: Church of the Ascension - Gortanumera**

Sun: 07<sup>th</sup> May. 9.30am (A) Sonny & Kitty Martin & Ann Martin

(A) Nancy Gohery & deceased members of the Gohery & Larkin family

Sun: 14<sup>th</sup> May. 9.30am (A) Larry & Angie Gohery & deceased members of the  
Gohery family.

(A) Larry & Margaret Cormack

**Reader:** Francis Conway