

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

**Adoration:** 2.00pm-7.00pm every Thursday & Friday.

**NB:PLEASE NOTE: When there is a Funeral Mass during the week, there will be NO REGULAR MASS on that day. If there is an Intention it will be offered at the funeral mass.**

**Parish Bank Details:BIC No: BOFIE2DXXX & IBAN No: IE88BOFI90394726882574**

**NB: Alter Server Training- Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> November-3.15pm-3.45pm in St. Brigid's Church.**

**Knock Visit:** Bus to Knock for Vigil Immaculate Conception on Thur. 07<sup>th</sup> December. Bus leaves from Portumna Square @8pm approx. Limited seats. To book Tel: Catherine-087-2886636.

**Esker Healing Mission:** On 04<sup>th</sup>-08<sup>th</sup> December daily from 10am-5pm & 7pm-9pm. All welcome.

**Clonfert Diocese's Advent Faith Dev. Gathering:** On Sun 03<sup>rd</sup> December in Scoil an Chroí Naofa,Ballinasloe-2.30pm-5.15pm. All welcome.More information-www.clonfertdiocese.ie.

**Advent Retreat:** In Esker Retreat Centre,Esker,Athenry from Fri.01<sup>st</sup> December-Sun.03<sup>rd</sup> December. Facilitator Fr. Peter Burns. C.Ss.R. More details-[www.redemptoristesker.ie](http://www.redemptoristesker.ie) or Tel: 091-844007.

**Pro Life Campaign National Conference:** In the concert Hall of ther RDS on Sun.03<sup>rd</sup> December from 1pm-4.30pm with guest speakers Abby Johnson & Lord David Alton. Registration is important. Tel: 087-2668702 or e-mail [info@prolifecampaign.ie](mailto:info@prolifecampaign.ie).

**Portumna Enterprise Town:** Returns to Portumna Community School on Sat.02<sup>nd</sup> December-11am-4pm. M.C. is Gavin Duffy(from R.T.E-Dragons Den) for the day. A Family Fun Day with Santa,Claus,Face Painting,Spot Prizes & more. To register your business,club or group contact Gemma(Branch Manager for B.O.I.,Portumna - 0766241164/0871824121/gemma.costello@boi.com.

**Social Dancing:** In Portumna Town Hall every Thurs. evening @8.30pm. Dance the winter blues away with music & craic.Contact Ann-Marie-087-7827596.

**The Daffodil Centre & Health Promotion & Wellbeing Dept. of HSE:** Holding a **FREE** "Mens Health Screening & Information Evening" on Thurs.30<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm-9pm in The Salthill Hotel,Galway.Booking essential-Tel: Rachael-091-893318 or Fionnuala-091-893489. Or [e-mail-rachael.dalton@hse.ie](mailto:rachael.dalton@hse.ie).

**Seamus O'Kelly Players:**Due to take place on Sat.25<sup>th</sup> November @8.30pm in Shragh Community Hall,Shragh,Woodford is now **Cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances.Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Killimor Camogie Club:** Present Kiltullagh Community Chohr in St. Joseph's Church,Killimor on Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> December @8pm with a Christmas theme. For more information [Tel:085-2098781](tel:085-2098781).Tickets on sale in O'Meara's shop on Fri. 01<sup>st</sup> December.

**A Magical Christmas Experience:** The Three Tenors in concert in St. Brendan's R.C. Church,Birr on Sun.10<sup>th</sup> December @8pm. Tickets €25.00-available from Parish Office-Tel: 057-9122028(mornings)

**Portumna G.A.A. Lotto:** No winner last week-end. Numbers drawn were 4,17,24,27. Two people matched three numbers-Kathleen Concannon & Lill Cramp-each receive €50.00. Current Jackpot is €8100.00. The Senior A.G.M. will take place Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December @2.30pm in the Clubhouse.The Club will honour the 1992 Intermediate team & Management who 25yrs ago won the title & promoted the Club to Senior Status for the first time in the clubs history. Celebratory night will take place on Fri.22<sup>nd</sup> December in O'Meara's Bar & Restaurant @9pm. All welcome. A big Thank You to those who have supported fundraiser to date. Still some tickets available from any committee member.:

**Portumna & District A.R.A.-**Annual Christmas Flower Arrangement night is Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> November with Florabunda flower shop Loughrea. All arrangements raffled on the night. Open to visitors & friends @8pm in Social Hall of Portumna Retirement.Any member attending the Christmas dinner please pay Carol for your place before the flower show or on the 30<sup>th</sup> November between 7am-8am in the social hall.

**Chiropody Clinic:** In Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Wed.29<sup>th</sup> & Thurs.30<sup>th</sup> November,Thurs. 07<sup>th</sup>,Fri.08<sup>th</sup>,Tues.19<sup>th</sup> & Thurs.21<sup>st</sup> December for general & diabetic footcare. Contact Emma-086-1901247 for appointment. Homeclinic & housecalls also available. Gift vouchers available.

**Portumna & District Development Co. Ltd: AGM** on Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> December in O'Meara's Portumna.All shareholders asked to attend.

**Representing Ireland:** Five people from Portumna Kettlebell Club represented Ireland at the IUKL World Championships in Seoul,Sth Korea last weekend. Congratulations to Pat Kelly,Mary Burke,Olivia Cahalan,Morgan Claffey, & Damien Burke for winning 2 Gold & 5 Silver medals.

**Portumna Community Mural:** Will be launched by Noelle Lynskey(director of Shorelines Art Fest.) on Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> November @9.30am at Portumna playground(near fire station) More information Tel: Ciara(GRETB)-087-9663227 or Clara(GRD)-087-2430839. Refreshments afterwards in Portumna College of Further Education,St. Brigid's Rd. All welcome.

**Scoil Mhuire Gortanumera National School Fundraiser:** A word of thanks to local businesses & communities of Gortanumera & Portumna for their kind generosity & support for last saturday nights auction & raffle night. It was a huge success & all support much appreciated.

**Gortanumera Group Water Schemer Co-Op A.G.M.:** On Mon.04<sup>th</sup> December in O'Meara's @8pm. All members invited & urged to attend.

**Portumna Daycare Centre:** Request volunteers to share their talents of music/song/art with those that attend the Daycare Centre. Any spare time devoted would be much appreciated even if it was once a month. Tel: Daycare Centre-090-9741740.

**Pruning Time:** In An Gairdin on sat. 02<sup>nd</sup> December-10.30am-3.30pm with Cormac Griffin. Cost is €25.00. Booking at [angaidin1@gmail.com](mailto:angaidin1@gmail.com) or Tel: 090-9741689.

**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.

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**Portumna Parish Announcements:**

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017 Solemnity of Christ The King**

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| Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.. | 7.00pm  | (A) Patrick Regan   |
|                             | 7.00pm  | (A) Dympna & Brendan Callanan                             |
| Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  | 11.00am | (A) Mary Hackett  |
|                             | 11.00am | (A) Pat Scully<br>& deceased members of the Scully family |
| Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  | 10.00am | Special Intention   |
| Tue. 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 10.00am | People of the Parish                                      |
|                             | 10.00am | Private Intention   |
| Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  | 10.00am |   |
| Thurs.30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. | 7.00pm  | Private Intention   |
| Fri. 01 <sup>st</sup> Dec.  | 7.00pm  | (M.M.) Merlyn Mooney                                      |
|                             | 7.00pm  | (A) Sinead Conway   |
| Sat. 02 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.  | 7.00pm  | (A) Thomas & Annie Mitchell                               |
|                             | 7.00pm  | (A) Pat Connors   |
| Sun. 03 <sup>rd</sup> Dec . | 11.00am | (A) Josephine Keane<br>(A) Mary Mitchell                  |

**Ministers of the Word: Sat. 02<sup>nd</sup> Dec. & Sun. 03<sup>rd</sup> Dec.**

7.00pm: Sean O'Dwyer  
11.00am: Tony McNamara

**Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 02<sup>nd</sup> Dec. & Sun. 03<sup>rd</sup> Dec.**

7.00pm: Mary Connors, Kathleen O'Hare, Martin Carty  
11.00am: Ann Tuohy, Phil Coleman, Majella Lewis

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

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 09.30am (1<sup>st</sup> A) Martin Gohery

**Masses: St. Peter & Paul's Church, Boula**

Sun. 03<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 09.30am (A) Tom-Joe & Mai Hardiman

**Reader:** Patrick Donohue

# Portumna Parish Newsletter

**Sunday**

**26th November 2017**

**Solemnity of Christ The King**