

**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: No First Friday Calls for January 2018.**

**NB: 3 Collection Boxes at back of church awaiting collection-2 for Derryhiney North & 1 for Gurtray.**

**NB: No Mass in Gortanumera on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**NB:**  
Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Priests Revenue Collection. Fr. Michael.

**Midland Warmer Home Scheme:** This is **FREE** to individuals in receipt of Fuel Allowance/Family Income Supplement/Jobseeker's Allowance(for more than 6mths with a child/children under 7yrs)/One Parent Family Payment.  
In addition ,the person must own their own home & the house must have been built before 2006. Only homes that have not received works are eligible. Works covered include Attic Insulation/Cavity Wall Insulation/hot Water Cylinder Jackets/Cold Water Cylinder Jackets/Pipe Lagging/CFL Lagging/CFL Bulbs/BER Certification(Building Energy Rating).  
For more information or application form Tel:090-6488292 or [info@midlandwarmerhomes.ie](mailto:info@midlandwarmerhomes.ie) or [www.midlandwarmerhomes.ie](http://www.midlandwarmerhomes.ie).

**Word of Sympathy:** Sincere sympathy to the family on the death of Patrick Jennette who died during the week. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

**Portumna Town Hall:** Presents John B Keane's The Matchmaker with Jon Kenny & Mary McEvoy on Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets €23 available at Portumna Post Office-090-9741200.

**Portumna Town Hall:** Social Dancing Classes resume in Portumna Town Hall on Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. @8.30pm. Learn how to Jive,Waltz,Quickstep & some Line Dancing. All welcome to join. €10 per night pay as you go. Any enquiries Tel Marie-087-7827596 or Ciara 087-6663325

**Portumna College of Further Education:** Places available on Part-Time Courses for beginners & more advanced Adult Learners:- Computers,Horticulture,Retail & Business Administration.  
In Healthcare:-Nutrition & Palliative Care,Manual Handling,First Aid.  
In Communications & Work Experience:-English for Speakers of Other Languages(ESOL) and Spanish. Tel:-087-6258696 or e-mail [michael.cunniffe@gretb.ie](mailto:michael.cunniffe@gretb.ie).

**Chiropody Clinic:** Attending Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Tues. 16<sup>th</sup>,Thurs.18<sup>th</sup> & Tues.30<sup>th</sup> January for general & diabetic footcare. Tel:Emma at 086-1901247. For appointment. Homeclinic & housecalls also available.

**Yoga & Meditation:** On Tues. 09<sup>th</sup> January at An Gairdin,Portumna with Ruth. Gentle/Beginners class on 6.15pm-7.15pm. Continuation class on 7.30pm-9.00pm. Tel. Ruth at 087-2434759 or e-mail [rutheganley@gmail.com](mailto:rutheganley@gmail.com).

**West of Ireland Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** The Core Group train people from parishes in Bereavement Support over two intensive residential weekends in Esker Retreat House,Athenry,Co. Galway.  
Training set for Spring 2018-Feb.16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 7 May-11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.  
Open to men/women of all ages. Recommend a team of six per parish.  
The features of Bethany differ from other support groups as it is Parish Based,are Trained Listeners **NOT** Counsellors, Visit (in twos) the bereaved in their homes,Offer Group Support,Ministry  
Operates in the Parish and has its own structure i.e. Chairperson/Sec. etc.  
Also help a Funeral Liturgy if requested by the priest. The cost is borne by the parish usually. Tel Ruah-087-3204569 re application form.

**NB:** Check out New Facebook Page & U Tube Page called "Portumna Parish"

**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 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2018 The Baptism of the Lord**

Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00pm (A) Maria McClearn  
(A) John Dillon Snr. & John Dillon Jnr.  
Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11.00am (1<sup>st</sup> A ) Molly Nevin  
(A) Tom & Tess Downey  
Mon. 08<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am  
Tue. 09<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am Private Intention  
People of the Parish  
Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am  
Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00pm  
Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00pm  
Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00pm (M.M) Sean Henry  
(A) Vera Duane  
Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11.00am (A) Paddy Madden  
(A) Dympna & Eugene McDonagh

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

7.00pm: Ruth Conroy  
11.00am: Mary Dillon

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

7.00pm: M. Fahy S. Fahy,E. Ryan & 11.00am: J. Duggan,A. Tuohy,M. Lewis

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

7.00pm-Team(B) & 11.00am-Team(C)

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

Sun. 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 09.30am (A) Patrick & Anne Dolphin

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 09.30am (A) Eddie Moloney & Mary Ann Cormican  
(A) Michael Quinn

**Reader:** Francis Conway

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**Sunday**

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