

**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: In keeping with ancient tradition there are no flowers on any of the altars during Lent.**

**NB: Please Note-Masses need to be booked at least 2mths in advance as the demand is very high.**

**Irish Wheelchair Association:** Thank You to all who contributed to the Church Gate Collection last week-end which amounted to €429.00.

**Pro-Life March:** Coach departs Tynagh via Portumna/Ballinasloe(pick up along the way & surrounding areas) to Dublin on Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March. To reserve a seat contact 087-2040826/087-2561521/087-9422356. The is a **FREE BUS**.

**Lourdes Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage:** On 28<sup>th</sup> August-02<sup>nd</sup> September 2018-Knock-Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop John Kirby. Nursing care for the elderly & sick wishing to travel. Cost includes Insurance,Air Fare,Coach & Hotel Mediterrance for 5nts with full board for €725. All rooms with private facilities. To book contact Society Travel-090-9645350.

**Centering Prayer Week-end Retreat:** In Esker Retreat Centre-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.-25<sup>th</sup> Feb facilitated by Contemplative Outreach Ireland.Residential/Non Residential option availableTel:-Maeve/Patricia-091-844007-Mon-Fri-9am-5pm or Sat-10am-3pm.

**Holyland Pilgrimages 2018:** Pilgrimage to the Holyland organised by Fr.Benny McHale(his 37<sup>th</sup> ) from 26<sup>th</sup> June-06<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Early booking advised. Tel Fr. Benny at 091-844227 to book.

**Irish Cancer Society Free Transport Service:** Available to those attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer driver collects patient at their home and bring you to hospital and collect you again after treatment and bring you home. Volunteer expenses are paid.To avail of this service contact your healthcare professional,visit website-irishcancer.ie or [Tel:01-2310522](tel:01-2310522).

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**Portumna GAA Lotto:** One winner last weekend. Congratulations to Timothy Dillon,Galway City on winning the jackpot of €9300. Next weekend jackpot is €2000. Annual Lotto now due for renewal at €100. All support appreciated. Contact Ivan Canning,Noel McNulty,Fiona O'Meara or Celia Keane.

**Sth East Galway Archaeological & Historical Society:** First lecture by Donal Boland on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the Workhouse,Portumna. Donal looks at the personal journey of people during the Great Hunger through the illustrations of period.

**Chiropody Clinic:** Attending Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Mon.19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February for general & diabetic footcare. Tel:Emma at 086-1901247 for appointment. Homeclinic & Housecalls also available.

**Portumna Group & Friends: Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** For 2018 is on from Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> June for 5nts. Tel: Dr. Kaye Duddy-090-9742444.

**S.V.P. Shop:** In Abbey St. Portumna request for Men's & Ladies Clothes,Bric-a-Brac & Blankets. Open Wednesday-Saturday-12pm-4pm.

**Chiropody Clinic:** On Main Birr/Portumna Road,10mins from Portumna. Home visits & evening appointments available. Tel: Geraldine Heenan-086-3532672.

**Abbey 8km Challenge:** On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March @12Noon. Under 12 Race starts @ 12.10pm. Entries to [www.runireland.com](http://www.runireland.com) & also at Abbey Community Centre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March-7pm-8pm. & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March to 11.30am. Race covers same course as last year. Details on [www.facebook.com/Abbey10kChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/Abbey10kChallenge).

**Cookery Demonstration:** Tynagh Abbey Duniry Juvenile Club hosting an evening with Rachel Allen in Shearwater Hotel on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> March.Stalls from 6.30pm and demonstration at 8pm. Tickets €20 available at Shearwater Hotel or Tel: Thomas-086-8345062 or Orla-086-8373895.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2018 The First Sunday of Lent**

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00pm (A) Brendan & Mary Hynes & Damien Hynes  
(A) Peter Burke  
Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 11.00am (1<sup>st</sup>A) Loretto McKeigue  
(A) Brendan Murray  
Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00am (A) William,Elizabeth & Billy Hannon  
Private Intention  
Tue. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00am Private Intention  
People of the Parish  
Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 10.00am Private Intention  
Mary Donoghue  
Thurs.22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 7.00pm (A) Dan & Tess Burke  
(A) Albert,Sarah & Anne Patterson  
Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 7.00pm (M.M) Dolores Dillon  
Private Intention  
Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 11.00am (M.M) Betty Eager  
7.00pm (A) Theresa Madden  
(A) Frank Abberton  
Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 11.00am (A) Mary Walsh  
(A) Paddy Kelly

**Ministers of the Word: Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. & Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**7.00pm:** Sean O'Dwyer

**11.00am: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**Pierce Joyce-**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ava Downey

**Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. & Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**7.00pm:** M. Carty,B. Mitchell.M. Fahy & **11.00am:** R.O Rourke,A. Tuohy,P. Coleman

**Mass Servers: Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. & Sun.25<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**7.00pm-Team(B) & 11.00am-Team(D)**

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

Sun.18<sup>th</sup>Feb. 09.30am (A) Tommy & Mary Burke

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 09.30am (M.M.) Elizabeth O'Meara  
(A) Vincent O'Meara

**Reader:** Patrick Donohue

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**Sunday**

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
The First Sunday of Lent**