

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

NB: Trocaire Boxes available @ Main Church Entrance.

NB: Preparation Mass for Confirmation is on Friday 09th Mar. @7pm.

NB: Please Note updated safeguarding Policy on display in glass cabinet at Main Church Entrance.

NB: May I request that no gloves be worn when receiving Holy Communion out of respect for the blessed sacrament.

Thank You. Fr. Michael.

NB: 1ST Friday Calls will now be on Friday 09th March

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

Lourdes Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage: On 28th August-02nd 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.

Irish Blood Transfusion: Mobile Unit Team In Lorrha-Dorrha GAA Club,Moatfield on Tues.13th Mar.-3pm-5pm & 7pm-9.30pm.If you require further information Tel-1850731137.

Loughrea Family Resource Centre: Free 5wk Health & Wellbeing course for mothers of school age children every Tuesday morning-10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Tel 091-871149 or 086-3449950.

Understanding Climate Change: On Mon. 05th Mar. @8pm in An Gairdin with John Cleary. Contact angairdin1@gmail.com or [Tel:-087-2845443](tel:087-2845443).

Plastic Waste: On Sat. 10th Mar.-10am-1pm at An Gairdin with Dr. Anne Marie Mahon(plastic researcher) with GMIT. Cost is €5-booking at angairdin1@gmail.com or Tel:-087-2845443.

Portumna GAA Lotto: No winner last weekend. Numbers drawn were 9,11,16,20. Two people matched 3 numbers-Alannah Kelly & Joe Madden-each receive €50. Current jackpot is €2200. U14 Hurlers commence their championship campaign against Craughwell at home on Sat. 10th Mar. @11am. U12 players are invited to participate in mini games at half time this Sunday of the Galway V Limerick match in Pearse Stadium

St. Patricks Day Parade: Starts 12Noon on Sat. 17th March. Register at Portumna P.O-€10. Categories include-Youth,Humorous,Business/Commercial,Vintage & Voluntary. Window competition also. Contact Frances-087-7427850 or Yvonne-087-2798582.

Social Dancing Classes: In Portumna Town hall each Thursday-8.30pm-10.30pm. Jive,Waltz,Quickstep,Line Dancing i.e Slosh. All welcome. Contact Anne-Marie-087-7827596 or Ciara-087-6663325.

Chiropody Clinic: Attending Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Tues.13th Mar.Thurs.15th Mar. & Tues.27th Mar. 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. 26th June for 5nts. Tel: Dr. Kaye Duddy-090-9742444.

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

Redwood NS Open Evening: On Thurs. 15th March. @7pm. Visit the school, meet with teachers,view the school resources & variety of activities carried out during the school year.Enrolment forms available from the school now or download from www.redwoodns.ie. If any parents require a private viewing & meet with teachers please contact-090-9747186 for appointment.

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

Cookery Demonstration: Tynagh Abbey Duniry Juvenile Club hosting an evening with Rachel Allen in Shearwater Hotel on Wed. 21st 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 or 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 04th Mar. 2018 The Third Sunday of Lent

Sat. 03rd Mar. 7.00pm (A) Eileen Sheehy
7.00pm (A) Paddy & Una Connors
7.00pm (A) Patrick & Florence Keane
Sun. 04th Mar. 11.00am (A) Maureen & Pat Joe Dillon
Private Intention
Mon. 05th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention x 2
Private Intention
Tue. 06th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish
Wed. 07th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention x 2
Thurs.08th Mar. 7.00pm (A) Murty & Kathleen Mannion
Private Intention
Fri. 09th Mar. 7.00pm (A) Joe Mahoney
(A) John O'Meara, Josie O'Meara & Leo O'Meara
Sat. 10th Mar. 11.00am (M.M) Margaret McDonagh & Intention for Sharon McDonagh
7.00pm (A) Charlie & Bridie Hackett
7.00pm (A) Sean o'Hare
Sun. 11th Mar. 11.00am (A) Michael, Monica & Joe Dillon
(A) Tommy Fitzpatrick

Ministers of the Word: Sat. 10th Mar. & Sun. 11th Mar.

7.00pm: Ruth Conroy

11.00am: 1st Reading:-Breeda O'Connor **2nd Reading:** Ava Downey

Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 10th Mar. & Sun. 11th Mar.

7.00pm: K.O'Hare, N.Hayes, M.Fahy & **11.00am:** J.Dillon, P.Lohan, P.Joyce

Mass Servers: Sat. 10th Mar. & Sun. 11th Mar.

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

Masses: Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera

Sun.04thMar. 09.30am

Sun.11th Mar. 09.30am-(A) Tom, Mai & Marie Conway & Ann Kennedy
(A) Nancy Gohery & Deceased members of the Gohery & Larkin Families.

Reader: Francis Conway

Portumna Parish Newsletter

Sunday

**04th March 2018
The Third Sunday of Lent**