

Confessions: Every Saturday-6.00pm-6.20pm in St. Brigid's Church,Portumna

Adoration-2.00pm-7.00pm every Thursday & Friday

NB: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is now dedicated to praying for vocations particularly to the priesthood.

NB: This week-end's Mass is on Page 97 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.

NB: Mass Times for Boula and Gortanumera is now at 9.15am.

NB: Postbox now transferred to outside the Parish Office door.

Word of Thanks: Thank you to all who contributed to The Irish Wheelchair Church Gate Collection last week-end which amounted to €518.00.

The Portumna Group & Friends Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Will take place this year for 5 nights departing Tues. 25th June 2019 and returning Sunday 30th June 2019. Further information Tel: Dr. Kaye Duddy-090-9742444.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages-April-Oct. 2019: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight any time and airport shuttle service is guaranteed. Tel: 01-4434510 or e-mail reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator Position:Vacancy for a part time (19.5 hrs).

Responsibilities include (a) John Paul 11 Awards,(b) Developing lay-led parish liturgy,(c) Supporting the primary school catechetical programme.Please send applications by e-mail to clonferdi@gmail.com or by post to The Office Administrator,Clonfert Diocese,Coorheen,Loughrea,Co. Galway,H62TD82 by Friday 15th February 2019.

Accord: Is your relationship/marriage in trouble? Accord in Ballinasloe are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships.This confidential service is available and affordable. [Tel:090-9643573](tel:090-9643573) or appointment or e-mail-ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net.

GRETB Portumna College of Further Education(Old VEC): Places available on QQI Certified courses,registrations ongoing for Employability Skills,Computers,Healthcare, Business with Tourism,Retail,Spanish,Horticulture(gardening),EOSL,Crafts Sewing,Genealogy Family History,Introduction to Sign language QQI. Speech & Drama and Singing. Tel: [Michael-087-6258696](tel:087-6258696)/[090-9741946](tel:090-9741946)/michaelcunniffe@gretb.ie or irdheritageproject@eircom.net. Patricia Geoghegan-090-9759092 or irdheritageproject@eircom.net.

History Lecture:The first lecture of the Sth. East Galway Archaeological & Historical Society for 2019 is on Tues. 19th Feb. @8pm in the Irish Workhouse Centre. Brendan "Speedie" Smith will present a lecture on "Hidden Stories of the Great War".

Portumna G.A.A: No winner of last week's lotto jackjot. Numbers drawn were 9,12,17,23. There were two match three winners-Christy Hogan & Lynch Family Ballycrissane.each €50.Current Jackpot €4600.00.

Portumna Castle & Crafts: Holding Art Classes under the direction of Wolf LLorien on Mon/Tues/Wed. nights and a Day Class on Tuesday as well.

St. Vincent de Paul Shop: In Abbey St. Portumna. A plea for Men's & Ladies Clothes,Footwear,Bric-a-Brac,Bed Linen,Curtains,Hats,Handbags,Belts or any unwanted gifts in good condition.

Chiropody Clinic: Attending Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Mon. 25th Feb.& Tues. 26th Feb.for general and diabetic footcare. Tel: Emma-086-1901247 for appointment.

Family Carer Training: Western Alzheimer's are holding family carer training in the Cumasu Centre,Doughiska Road,Galway(opposite Lidl) commencing Wed. 20th Feb 2019 10.30am-1pm for 5 consecutive weeks. Enquiries and to book a place [Tel:091-565193](tel:091-565193) as places are limited. Or E-Mail-galway@westernalzheimers.ie.

Redwood N.S: Currently accepting applications for enrolment of Junior Infant pupils for September 2019. Application forms for enrolment available from the school 8.30am-3.30pm daily. Applications will close at the end of February. To view school and see facilities and meet teachers [Tel:090-9747186](tel:090-9747186) or e-mail-redwoodns@live.ie.

Borrisokane Players: present "Don't Tell the Wife"-Comedy by Sam Cree on Fri. 22nd Feb.-Sun.24th Feb. at Clarke Memorial Hall with curtains up at 8.30pm sharp. Booking advised-call or text 089-4656992 between 4pm-9pm. Admission €10.

Seumas O'Kelly Players: Present their Spring Comedy-"A Wake in the West" by Michael J. Ginnelly on Sat.23rd and Sun.24th Feb.& again on Sat. 9th Mar. & Sun. 10th Mar.in Temperance Hall,Loughrea @8pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T.L.O'Brien's,Main St. Loughrea or €12 on the door. Further information [Tel:083-8633796](tel:083-8633796).

Special Loughrea Pilgrimages: Fatima and Lisbon-Feast Day of St. Anthony-9th/14th June and Medjugorje Pilgrimage for Youth Festival Aug. 2019 both ex Dublin. Payments by instalments acceptable. Tel:James Treacy-086-0572216.

A 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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Holy Mass Times: St. Brigid's Church

Sat. 16th Feb. 6.30pm (A) Paddy & Una Connors
(A) Peter Burke
Sun. 17th Feb. 10.30am (A) Paddy Callan & Paddy Rabbitte
(A) Bill & Eileen Tuohy
Mon. 18th Feb. 10.00am Private Intention
Tues. 19th Feb. 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish
Wed.20th Feb. 10.00am (A) Mary Moore
Private Intention
Thurs.21st Feb 7.00pm Private Intention x 2
Fri.22ndFeb. 7.00pm (A) Dan & Tess Burke
Sat.23rd Feb. 6.30pm (A) Theresa Madden(Coolpora)
(A) Gerdy Dillon
Sun 24th Feb. 10.30am (A) Mary Walsh
(A) Joe McHugh

Minister of the Word: Sat. 23rd Feb. & Sun. 24th Feb.

6.30pm: 1st Reading: Peter Ayres & **2nd Reading:** Sinéad Lohan
10.30am: 1st Reading: Breeda O'Connor & **2nd Reading:** Isabelle Canning

Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 23rd Feb. & Sun. 24th Feb.

6.30pm:M Connors,N Hayes,K O'Hare **10.30am:** P Coleman,M Lewis,M Blaney

Mass Servers: Sat. 23rd Feb.& Sun.24th Feb.

6.30pm Team (A) & **10.30am**-Team (C)

St. Peter & Paul's Church,Boula

Sun. 17th February 9.15am (A) Tommy & Mary Burke

Reader: Adrian Hoare

Sun. 24th February:

Reader: Rose Dolphin

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Sunday 17th February 2019

**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**