

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 118 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.

NB: 2nd Basket Collection next week-end for Emigrants

NB: In keeping with the Penitential aspect of Lent "NO FLOWERS" are to be placed on any of the altars in all the churches.

Trócaire Boxes: Available at main entrance to St. Brigid's Church for collection. Please take one for each household.

Portumna St. Patrick's Day Parade: At Noon on Sunday 17th march. All participants(floats,clubs and individuals) requested to register in Portumna P.O. by Fri. 15th March. Guidelines and information available on the form and also Facebook Page(St. Patrick's Day Parade in Portumna) for updates and information. Volunteers to assist before and on the day are very welcome. Further information Tel: 087-7427950.

Bealtaine Festival-Celebrating Creativity As We Age: Consider running a Dawn/Dusk Chorus during the month of May. Older people, their families and friends sing songs they love,songs anybody can join in. Further information Tel:01-8057713 or e-mail bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.ie.

Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering: On Sun. 10th Mar. from 2.30pm-5.15pm at Scoil an Chroi Naofa,Society St. Ballinasloe. **Speaker-**Fr. Aidan Ryan(Ardagh & Clonmacnoise) **Topic-**The call to holiness in today's world-reflecting with Pope Francis. Raffle to raise funds for faith related projects. Admission **Free**.All welcome.

A beginning Experience week-end: For people who have lost a spouse through death,divorce or separation on 5th Apr.-7th Apr.at Redemporist Retreat Centre,Athenry. For details Tel: [Gerry-086-3855090](tel:086-3855090) or Maureen-087-6646896.

Foyer of Light,Charity & Love-5 day Retreat: In Esker Retreat Centre,Athenry,Co. Galway from Mon. 22nd Apr.-Sun. 28th Apr.- theme is "If you but knew the gift of God" preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Cost is €380 with full board. Tel: Helen-086-1678027-www.foyerofcharity.ie.

Special Loughrea Group Christmas Pilgrimage: To the Holy Land & **ALSO** Special Loughrea Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 31st Oct. for Halloween-8nts taking in Bethlehem,Jerusalem Mount Tabor,Cana,Nazareth,Jericho,River Jordan,Dead Sea & sea of Galilee. Also Special Loughrea Fatima/Lisbon Pilgrimage for Feast Day of St. Anthony on 9th/14th June. Full day trip to Lisbon Prayers,Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Tel:James-086-0572216.

Portumna G.A.A: No winner of last week's lotto jackjot. Numbers drawn were 2,13,14,24. One match three winner-Anne McEntee to receive €100.Current Jackpot €4900.00. A very successful Child Protection in sport awareness course safeguarding 1 was held recently and attended by all and all received a certificate of attendance,Management Teams and Club Officers.A big Thank You to Kathlyn Quinn (child welfare tutor) who gave the course and all who attended. All who attended received a certificate of attendance. Next workshop which club is holding is the second club support night on Tues. 12th Mar. @7pm with Sean Silke Guest speaker. **Reminder:** CPR Course on 14th Mar. Club running a 2 day Easter Hurling Camp on Wed. 24th Apr. & Thurs. 25th Apr. for all under age teams up to and including u14 panel. The 15/16/17/18 year olds will also be catered for in relation to wall ball S&C education and skills & development programme. Registration night where all bookings for the camp will be taken-date will be confirmed later.

Portumna Castle Crafts & Garden: Present an Art Exhibition of past and present work of students under the direction of Wolfe Lorrien presently on display for the month of March kindly hosted by Portumna Library.

Famine Exhibition: the Irish Workhouse Centre,Portumna launch a special exhibition on Wed. 13th Mar. at 6.30pm to mark 150yrs of the Finnish Famine and 175yrs since our own great hunger. Guest speakers,special exhibits and refreshments served on the night. All welcome.

Shorelines Film Nights: Present Lucky (USA) a bittersweet meditation on mortality,lonliness,spirituality and human connection starring Harry Dean Stanton on Tues. 12th Mar. @8pm in The Boathouse Bar. €5 on the door-Visit shorelinesartsfestival.com.

Fundraiser Table Quiz: In aid of the upkeep of Portumna Golf Club on Fri. 22nd Mar. @8pm in the Clubhouse. Tables x 4 at €10p.p. Partners not necessary as individuals most welcome. Come along for a fun night.

Chiropody Clinic: Attending Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Mon. 11th ,Tues. 12th and Mon. 25th Mar. for general diabetic foot care.Tel: Emma-086-1901247 for appointment.

Gortanumera National School: Now enrolling students for the school year 2019/2020. Contact the school at 090-9741624 for further details.

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. 9th Mar. 6.30pm (A) Charlie & Bridie Hackett
(A) Tommy Fitzpatrick
Sun. 10th Mar. 10.30am (A) Nora Mannion
(A) Michael & Monica Dillon & Joe Dillon
Mon. 11th Mar. 10.00am (A) Albert, Sarah & Anne Patterson
Private Intention
Tues. 12th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish
Wed. 13th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention
Thurs. 14th Mar 7.00pm (A) Murty & Kathleen Mannion
Private Intention
Fri. 15th Mar. 7.00pm (M.M) Tony Duane
(A) John Murray
Sat. 16th Mar. 6.30pm (A) Pat & Maura Scott
(A) Tom Mannion
St. Patricks Day 10.30am (A) (1stA) Ann Donohue
(A) Ronald Hegarty & deceased family members.

Minister of the Word: Sat. 16th Mar. & Sun. 17th Mar.
6.30pm: 1st Reading: Ita Hynes & **2nd Reading:** Isabelle Canning
10.30am: 1st Reading: Peter Ayres & **2nd Reading:** Ava Downey

Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 16th Mar. & Sun. 17th Mar.
6.30pm: R O'Rourke, N Hayes, K O'Hare **10.30am:** P Coleman, M Lewis, J Gannon

Mass Servers: Sat. 16th Mar. & Sun. 17th Mar.
6.30pm Team (A) & **10.30am**-Team (B)

Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera
Sun. 10th March 9.15am
Reader: Mary Rourke

Sun. 17th March: 9.15am
Reader: Francis Conway

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Sunday 10th March 2019

**First Sunday
of Lent**