

As of the week-end there will be No Public Masses until further notice. However Mass will be celebrated each day in St. Brigid's Church at the usual times, behind closed doors, and will be broadcast live on Radio Link 102.6fm.

Parish Newsletter will be placed in all 3 churches + Local Pharmacies, Post Office, Newsagents, Super Valu.

Church Envelopes?

Enquiries have been made regarding Church Envelopes:

I suggest that your weekly contribution envelope be retained at home and upon return of public Masses to bring your envelopes to the church or office.

Fr. Michael P.P.

Portumna St. Patrick's Day Parade: Is cancelled on advice of the government to help contain the COVID-19 Virus.

All 1st Friday Calls are cancelled until further notice.

Parish Office will remain Open at usual opening hours-Mon.-Fri.-10am-3pm. Where possible please conduct business by telephone/E-mail. Many thanks.

NB: The protection of your personal data is important to us. We are happy to include your notice in our Parish Bulletin, **BUT** please ensure that you have received the consent of any persons referenced before submitting a notice to us.

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.

Important Notice:

In order to comply with current Government advice and in the interest of the entire community especially those who are most vulnerable the public celebration of all Sunday Masses and Weekday Masses (including St. Patrick's Day) in the Diocese of Clonfert will be cancelled until further notice. During this time the obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sunday/Holy Day is suspended for everybody. Priests will continue to celebrate Mass privately on weekdays and on Sundays. The faithful are encouraged to join spiritually in the celebration of these Masses in their own homes or by means of parish radio or web-cam or through television and radio broadcasts. For example you may wish to join Mass from the Cathedral, Loughrea on www.clonfertdiocese.ie or from Knock Shrine at www.knockshrine.ie. After the private celebration of Mass each day, churches throughout the Diocese of Clonfert will open for individual prayer until normal closing times. Participation in Funeral Masses and Services/Wedding Masses and Services and the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism are to be limited to close family and friends not exceeding 100 people. During the liturgy additional health and safety measures will be in place. Your co-operation for the good of all is gratefully appreciated. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation/First Confession and First Holy Communion is postponed until further notice. Confessions and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated as requested. However additional safety measures will apply. As Christians we are called to generously play our part and work for the common good by reaching out, as appropriate, to practically assist those who are impacted by this situation. Please pray for those affected by the virus and for our civil leaders that they may make wise decisions. Pray also for all our health professionals, our carers and clergy who are working with those affected and for our scientists who are trying to understand what is happening. *REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implore thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

Over the coming days and weeks updates will be issued in line with any new developments.

Most Rev. Michael Duignan, Bishop of Clonfert

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Holy Mass Times: St. Brigid's Church (by radio broadcast only until further notice)

Sat. 14th Mar 6.30pm (A) Nora Mannion
(A) Francie & Ena Hynes
Sun. 15th Mar 10.30am (A) Anne Donohue
(A) Joseph Moore
Mon. 16th Mar 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish
St. Patrick's Day 10.30am (A) Ronald Hegarty & deceased family members
(A) Tom Mannion
Wed. 18th Mar 10.00am (A) John Murray
Private Intention
Thurs. 19th Mar 7.00pm (A) Dave & Mae Frawley
Private Intention
Fri. 20th Mar 7.00pm (A) Georgina Hoary
Private Intention
Sat. 21st Mar 6.30pm (A) Seán O'Hare
(A) Tommy Fitzpatrick
Sun. 22nd Mar 10.30am (1stA) Eileen Concannon & (A) Patrick Concannon
(A) Jim & Molly Kelly

Portumna Parish Newsletter

Sunday 15th March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent