

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.

There has being a **boost to the broadcast signal**. This should make it much clearer and should reach the whole parish and beyond. **New Radio Link is 102.8FM**. This has being made possible by a kind donor who has given a piece of equipment which we can use for the duration of this crisis.

"Spread the Word"

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

Church Envelopes?

Enquiries are still been made regarding Church Envelopes:

May I suggest that your weekly contribution envelope be dropped into the Parish Letterbox next to the office entrance during office hours-Monday-Friday. Alternatively should you wish to make your contribution directly to parish bank account-Bank Details as follows: **BIC: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE88BOFI90394726882574**. Please note your Name & Box No. This is on the understanding that you are in a position to do so.

Again many thanks for your financial support of the working of the parish.

Let's keep smiling and encouraging each other in whatever way we can.

Keep safe and keep up heart.

Fr. Michael, P.P.

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

Radio Maria Ireland:

Broadcasting 24hrs each day. Daily Mass aired at 10am each day from studio chapel including Sundays for those who wish to tune in. Radio Maria is to be found on TV Saorview Channel 210

"Happy Mother's Day" to all mothers in our parish.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:

Alone has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19(Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818222024. Hours may be extended to meet demands.

OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN-CALL TO SAY A PRAYER:

Remember that during these days Churches throughout the Diocese of Clonfert will be open except during Mass times Why not call to say a private prayer, light a candle or pick up the Parish Newsletter or other spiritual material that may be available. Please obey the social distancing rule-keep at least two meters apart and don't congregate in close groups! If lighting a candle do so safely. Please pray for protection, pray for all those who are sick, pray for our medical staff who are working so hard, pray for our priests, pray for our civil leaders and pray for our scientists who are working to try and understand what is happening.

Diocese of Clonfert Prayers at Home when Gathering for Mass is not Possible:

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass, prayers are available for use at home. Copies may be available in your local church or they can be downloaded from the Clonfert Diocese Website-www.clonfertdiocese.ie. While they can be prayed at any time, a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish.

Sunday Mass:

Galway Bay FM will broadcast Mass, celebrated at 11.30am. www.galwaybayfm.ie.

Shannonside Radio will broadcast Mass at 10.00am. www.shannonside.ie.

Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow Clonfert Diocese on Twitter.

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.

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Radio Link- 102.6fm St. Vincent de Paul 087-3650922.

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

Sat. 21st Mar 6.30pm (A) Seán O'Hare
(A) Tommy Fitzpatrick
Sun. 22nd Mar 10.30am (A) Jim & Molly Kelly
Mon. 23rd Mar 10.00am (A) Michael & Angela Purcell
Private Intention
Tues 24th Mar 10.00am People of the Parish
Wed 25th Mar. NO MASS
Thurs.26th Mar 7.00pm Private Intention x 2
Fri. 27th Mar 7.00pm (M.M.) Katherine Cunningham
Sat. 28th Mar 6.30pm (A) Martin Foley
(A) Joe Keary
Sun. 29th Mar 10.30am (A) Nora Flanagan
(A) Eamon O'Toole

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Gortanumera Intentions

Sun. 29th Mar. 10.30am (A) John Connors, Sabina Connors, Michael Connors
& deceased family members.
(A) Larry Cormac

Portumna Parish Newsletter

Sunday 22nd March 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent