

**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: Christmas Visit & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Calls for January will take place on Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

**NB: Priest's Christmas Collection next weekend.**

**Penitential Rite for Christmas:**Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> December @7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church.

**Portumna N.S. Christmas Carol Service** Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> December @6.30pm.All welcome.

**Portumna & District Lions Club:** Holding the Christmas Food Appeal Church Gate Collection next weekend-Sat.16<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> December. All donations greatly appreciated.

**Concert in aid of St. Vincent de Paul:** An evening of song with the Omna Singers & Coole Voices Gort on Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 8.15pm in Portumna Town Hall. Tickets €5 to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

**Social Dancing:** In Portumna Town Hall every Thurs. evening @8.30pm. Dance the winter blues away with music & craic.Contact Ann-Marie-087-7827596.

**Killimor Camogie Club:** Present Kiltullagh Community Cholr in St. Joseph's Church,Killimor on Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> December @8pm with a Christmas theme. For more information Tel:085-2098781.

**A Magical Christmas Experience:** The Three Tenors in concert in St. Brendan's R.C. Church,Birr on Sun.10<sup>th</sup> December @8pm. Tickets €25.00-available from Parish Office-Tel: 057-9122028(mornings)

**Pieta House Wren Run:** On St. Stephen's day @11am in Woodford. If registered before 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.your name is entered into a once off draw with a chance to win a €100.00 voucher kindly donated by Supervalu Portumna & Loughrea. Also when you sign up you are entered into a Monster Draw with prizes to include a Consultation with Celebrity Architect Dermot Bannon,Hotel Getaways,Signed Galway Jersey,Retail Vouchers & lots more. Entry Fees-Kids-(U-16)-€5,Adults-€10,Family(unlimited kids)-€20,Group Rate(7pax)-€70,Early Bird-€50-this enters you also into a Special draw to win 2 sets of Jerseys(15) for your school or club team. All proceeds raised will be divided between Pieta House & Tommy Larkins for development of walking track/fitness facilities. Any Queries-Tel: Roderick-087-9925624.

**Portumna G.A.A. Lotto:** No winner last week-end. Numbers drawn were 4,17,18,21. Two people match three numbers-Gareth Heagney & Joe Duggan. Each receive €50.00. Current Jackpot is €8400.00. The Senior A.G.M. will take place Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December @2.30pm in the Clubhouse.The Club will honour the 1992 Intermediate team & Management who 25yrs ago won the title & promoted the Club to Senior Status for the first time in the clubs history. Celebratory night will take place on Fri.22<sup>nd</sup> December in O'Meara's Bar & Restaurant @9pm. All welcome. The 3000 to 1 fundraiser draw is extended to Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> December.A big Thank You to those who have supported fundraiser to date.Tickets available from any committee member.

**Portumna & District A.R.A:** Hosting Ecumenical Service on Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> December starting promptly @7.45pm in the Social Hall of Portumna Retirement Village.

**Chiropody Clinic:** In Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> ,Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup>,Tues.19<sup>th</sup> & Thurs.21<sup>st</sup> December for general & diabetic footcare. Contact Emma-086-1901247 for appointment. Homeclinic & housecalls also available. Gift vouchers available.

**Portumna & District Development Co. Ltd: AGM** on Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> December in O'Meara's Portumna.All shareholders asked to attend.

**Portumna Daycare Centre:** Request volunteers to share their talents of music/song/art with those that attend the Daycare Centre. Any spare time devoted would be much appreciated even if it was once a month. Tel: Daycare Centre-090-9741740.

**Redwood NS Christmas Variety Show:** On Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> December @7pm in the GAA Centre,Moatfield.Admission **FREE**.A Full night of entertainment with "A Night Before Christmas",Dance It Out hip hop & the hilarious drama"Redwood Nursing Home".

**LARC Christmas Coffee Morning:** On Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> December in Loughrea Family Resource Centre(Pigott St.)-11.30am-2.00pm. Festive treats served. All welcome.

**Study Hub,Loughrea:** Intensive Courses for Leaving Cert & Junior Certs will take place on Jan. 02<sup>nd</sup>-Jan. 06<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Maths,French,& Irish. Smal group sizes & 3hrs per subject per day. Tel. Breda-086-3792360.

**Radio Maria Irl:** Is an Irish run Catholic Talk-Radio station>with an aim to help spread the gospel message of Joy,Hope & Charity with Prayer,Catechesis,Sacred Music,Talks,Interviews & Testimonies-all commercial free. On air 24/7. Download **FREE** by App Radio Maria World Family to your phone or tablet. Free Streaming just click Listen Live on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie). Also on phone-Tel:01-4373277 for cost of a phonecall.

**Progressive 25 card Game:** Christy Gohery Memorial Cup Progressive 25 card Game in aid of Cancer Care West on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> December in Duffys Bar,Killimor @9.30pm sharp. Jackpot €300. Entry Fee €10 with Spot Prizes & Refreshments

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**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 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2017 Second Sunday of Advent**

Sat. 09 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7.00pm	(A) Shauna Gillane & Frank & Colman Gillane
	7.00pm	(A) Matthew Fitzpatrick
Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	11.00am	(A) John Joe Shaughnessy
	11.00am	(A) Mary T. Hynes
Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am	(A) Richard & David Fagan
	10.00am	Private Intention
Tue. 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Private Intention
Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am	Sean Claffey
Thurs. 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	11.00am	(A) Mary, Jack & Sheila Donohue
		(A) Bridget & Thomas Keating
Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7.00pm	(A) Martin, Maria & Matthew Moran
	7.00pm	(A) Michael & Kathleen Flaherty
Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	11.00am	(A) Ryan & Cooney families
		(A) Sylvie Donohue

**Ministers of the Word: Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. & Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

7.00pm: Ruth Conroy

11.00am: John Dillon

**Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. & Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

7.00pm: Elizabeth Ryan, Mary Connors, Kathleen O'Hare

11.00am: John Dillon, Pierce Joyce, Rosaleen O'Rourke

**Masses: St. Peter & Paul's Church, Boula**

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 09.30am

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 09.30am

**Reader:** Rose Dolphin

# Portumna Parish Newsletter

**Sunday**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Second Sunday of Advent**