

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 & 1st Friday Calls for January will take place on Thurs. 21st December.

NB: Priest's Christmas Collection this weekend.

Penitential Rite for Christmas:Thurs. 21st December @7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sun 24th Dec.Christmas Eve.

Family Christmas Mass

6.00pm

Christmas Vigil

9.00pm (A) Mary & Peggy Diver
(A) Con Rooney

Mon. 25th Dec.Christmas Day

9.00am Boula

10.00am Gortanumera

11.00am Town (A) Patrick Conroy
(A) John McMahon

Tues. 26th Dec.St. Stephen's Day

No Mass

Wed. 27th Dec-Fri.29th Dec.

11.00am

Sat. 30th Dec.

7.00pm

Sun. 31st Dec.

11.00am in Town

9.30am in Boula

Portumna & District Lions Club: Holding the Christmas Food Appeal Church Gate Collection this weekend-Sat.16th & Sun. 17th December. All donations greatly appreciated.

Pieta House Wren Run: On St. Stephen's day @11am in Woodford. If registered before 17th 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 2,20,21,24. One person matched three numbers-Yvonne Claffey. She receives €100.00. Current Jackpot is €8500.00. 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.22nd December in O'Meara's Bar & Restaurant @9pm. All welcome. The 3000 to 1 fundraiser draw is extended to Fri. 29th December.A big Thank You to those who have supported fundraiser to date.Tickets available from any committee member.

Tynagh Abbey Duniry GAA Club Auction: Auction & Winter Wonderland rescheduled for Sun. 17th December @1pm.Enjoy the winter wonderland with plenty to entertain the children & a surprise guest appearance.

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

Sponsored Christmas Day Swim/Dip: At Noon,Swimming Area,Shannon Rd. In aid of St. Dymrna's,Bridge Home Group & Shannon Respite. Sponsor Cards available from Curley's Bar,Hayes Pub, & Ann-Tel:087-6493221. Please come along on the day to support.

Tractor Run in aid of Mellon Educate: The organizer Pdraigh Gorman would like to thank all who supported & donated for this event in August 2017. All monies raised have being lodged to the fund which does tremendous work for the less privileged in Cape Town,Sth Africa.

Redwood NS Christmas Variety Show: On Wed. 20th 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".

Killimor Bingo: In Killimor Community Centre on Fri. 28th December @8pm. Guaranteed jackpot of €800 on the night and lots more.

Study Hub,Loughrea: Intensive Courses for Leaving Cert & Junior Certs will take place on Jan. 02nd-Jan. 06th 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. Also on phone-Tel:01-4373277 for cost of a phonecall.

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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Portumna Parish Announcements:

Sun 17th Dec. 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Sat. 16th Dec. 7.00pm (A) Martin, Maria & Matthew Moran
7.00pm (A) Michael & Kathleen Flaherty
Sun. 17th Dec. 11.00am (A) Ryan & Cooney families
(A) Sylvie Donohue
Mon. 18th Dec. 10.00am Private Intention
Tue. 19th Dec. 10.00am People of the Parish
10.00am Private Intention
Wed. 20th Dec. 10.00am
Thurs. 21st Dec. 7.00pm (A) Pat Joe Dillon & (A) John O'Neill and
Penitential Rite 7.30pm
Fri. 22nd Dec. 7.00pm
Sat. 23rd Dec. 7.00pm (1stA) Paul Glynn
(A) Tom & Hannah Blake & deceased family members
& Tillie & John Biesty
Sun. 24th Dec. 11.00am

Christmas Mass Schedule-See over

Ministers of the Word: Sat. 23rd Dec. & Sun. 24th Dec.

7.00pm: Lillian O'Dwyer
11.00am: Pierce Joyce

Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 23rd Dec. & Sun. 24th Dec.

7.00pm: Martin Carty, Brendan Mitchell, Mary Fahy
11.00am: John Duggan, Ann Tuohy, Majella Lewis

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

7.00pm-Team(B) & 11.00am-Team(C)

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

Sun. 17th Dec. 09.30am

Sun. 24th Dec. 09.30am (A) Tom & Julia Donohue

Reader: Roisin Treacy

Portumna Parish Newsletter

Sunday

17th December 2017

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