

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: In keeping with ancient tradition there are no flowers on any of the altars during Lent.

NB: Please Note-Masses need to be booked at least 2mths in advance as the demand is very high.

Irish Wheelchair Association: Thank You to all who contributed to the Church Gate Collection last week-end which amounted to €429.00.

Pro-Life March: Coach departs Tynagh via Portumna/Ballinasloe (pick up along the way & surrounding areas) to Dublin on Sat. 10th March. To reserve a seat contact 087-2040826/087-2561521/087-9422356. It is a **FREE BUS**.

Lourdes Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage: On 28th August-02nd September 2018-Knock-Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop John Kirby. Nursing care for the elderly & sick wishing to travel. Cost includes Insurance,Air Fare,Coach & Hotel Mediterrance for 5nts with full board for €725. All rooms with private facilities. To book contact Society Travel-090-9645350.

Centering Prayer Week-end Retreat: In Esker Retreat Centre-23rd Feb.-25th Feb facilitated by Contemplative Outreach Ireland.Residential/Non Residential option availableTel:-Maeve/Patricia-091-844007-Mon-Fri-9am-5pm or Sat-10am-3pm.

Holyland Pilgrimages 2018: Pilgrimage to the Holyland organised by Fr.Benny McHale (his 37th) from 26th June-06th July 2018. Early booking advised. Tel Fr. Benny at 091-844227 to book.

Irish Cancer Society Free Transport Service: Available to those attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer driver collects patient at their home and bring you to hospital and collect you again after treatment and bring you home. Volunteer expenses are paid.To avail of this service contact your healthcare professional,visit website-irishcancer.ie or [Tel:01-2310522](tel:01-2310522).

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Portumna GAA Lotto: One winner last weekend. Congratulations to Timothy Dillon,Galway City on winning the jackpot of €9300. Next weekend jackpot is €2000. Annual Lotto now due for renewal at €100. All support appreciated. Contact Ivan Canning,Noel McNulty,Fiona O'Meara or Celia Keane.

Sth East Galway Archaeological & Historical Society: First lecture by Donal Boland on Tues. 27th February at 7.30pm at the Workhouse,Portumna. Donal looks at the personal journey of people during the Great Hunger through the illustrations of period.

Chiropody Clinic: Attending Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Mon.19th & 26th February for general & diabetic footcare. Tel:Emma at 086-1901247 for appointment. Homeclinic & Housecalls also available.

Portumna Group & Friends: Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: For 2018 is on from Tues. 26th June for 5nts. Tel: Dr. Kaye Duddy-090-9742444.

S.V.P. Shop: In Abbey St. Portumna request for Men's & Ladies Clothes,Bric-a-Brac & Blankets. Open Wednesday-Saturday-12pm-4pm.

Chiropody Clinic: On Main Birr/Portumna Road,10mins from Portumna. Home visits & evening appointments available. Tel: Geraldine Heenan-086-3532672.

Abbey 8km Challenge: On Sunday 11th March @12Noon. Under 12 Race starts @ 12.10pm. Entries to www.runireland.com & also at Abbey Community Centre on Saturday 10th March-7pm-8pm. & Sunday 11th March to 11.30am. Race covers same course as last year. Details on www.facebook.com/Abbey10kChallenge.

Cookery Demonstration: Tynagh Abbey Duniry Juvenile Club hosting an evening with Rachel Allen in Shearwater Hotel on Wed. 21st March.Stalls from 6.30pm and demonstration at 8pm. Tickets €20 available at Shearwater Hotel or Tel: Thomas-086-8345062 or Orla-086-8373895.

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 18th Feb. 2018 The First Sunday of Lent

Sat. 17th Feb. 7.00pm (A) Brendan & Mary Hynes & Damien Hynes
(A) Peter Burke
Sun. 18th Feb. 11.00am (1stA) Loretto McKeigue
(A) Brendan Murray
Mon. 19th Feb. 10.00am (A) William, Elizabeth & Billy Hannon
Private Intention
Tue. 20th Feb. 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish
Wed. 21st Feb 10.00am Private Intention
Mary Donoghue
Thurs.22nd Feb. 7.00pm (A) Dan & Tess Burke
(A) Albert,Sarah & Anne Patterson
Fri. 23rd Feb. 7.00pm (M.M) Dolores Dillon
Private Intention
Sat. 24th Feb. 11.00am (M.M) Betty Eager
7.00pm (A) Theresa Madden
(A) Frank Abberton
Sun. 25th Feb. 11.00am (A) Mary Walsh
(A) Paddy Kelly

Ministers of the Word: Sat. 24th Feb. & Sun. 25th Feb.

7.00pm: Sean O'Dwyer

11.00am: 1st Reading:Pierce Joyce-**2nd Reading:** Ava Downey

Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 24th Feb. & Sun. 25th Feb.

7.00pm: M. Carty,B. Mitchell.M. Fahy & **11.00am:** R.O Rourke,A. Tuohy,P. Coleman

Mass Servers: Sat. 24th Feb. & Sun.25th Feb.

7.00pm-Team(B) & **11.00am-**Team(D)

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

Sun.18thFeb. 09.30am (A) Tommy & Mary Burke

Sun. 25th Feb. 09.30am (M.M.) Elizabeth O'Meara
(A) Vincent O'Meara

Reader: Patrick Donohue

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