

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.

NB: Please do not put any items on the altar at anytime. Submit to Sacristy after mass or to Parish Office.

NB: Brief meeting of Ministers for Holy Communion(Present & New) with Fr. Michael on Tues. 27th @ 7.30pm in Parochial House.

R.I.P: Sincere sympathy to Ann Carty,Stoneyisland on the death of her sister Eileen Kelly,Ballinasloe last week.

Pro-Life March: Coach departs Tynagh via Portumna(8.20am)/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. There 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 Mediterranean for 5nts with full board for €725. All rooms with private facilities. To book contact Society Travel-090-9645350.

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.

Radio Maria:Is an Irish run Catholic Talk Radio Station. Prayer,catechesis,Uplifting Music,Talks, Interviews & Testimonies-all commercial free. Listen via **FREE** App "Radio Maria Ireland" streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via Phone. Get live radio feed by calling +353(0)14373277(no extra charge apply)

The Shorelines Film Club: Showing "The Florida Project" on Mon. 26th Feb. in The Boathouse Bar @8pm. Tickets €5-**Booking on Line Advised**-www.shorelinesartsfestival.com.

Portumna GAA Lotto: No winner last weekend. Numbers drawn were 7,10,16,26. One person matched 3 numbers and receives €100. Current jackpot is €2100. Draw for 2018 **Senior Championship**-Portumna V Sarsfields on week-end of 07th& 08th April with Loughrea,Mullagh,Cappataggle & Gort also in the group. **Portumna Junior Group** include Kiltormer,Pearses,Annaghdown & Ahascragh. **Portumna Minor Group** include Ahascragh,Sarsfields,Cappataggle,Ballindeeren,Kinvara & Killimor. **Portumna U21 Group** include Abbeyknockmoy,Sylane & Ballygar.

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. 26th Feb,Thurs.01st Mar.Tues.13th Mar.Thurs.15th Mar. & Tues.27th Mar. 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.

Loughrea Family Resource Centre: A **FREE** 5week Health & Wellbeing Course for mothers of school age children starts Tues. 27th Feb. from 10.30am-12.30pm. To book Tel: 091-871149.

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 25th Feb. 2018 The Second Sunday of Lent

Sat. 24th Feb. 11.00am (M.M) Betty Eager
7.00pm (A) Theresa Madden(Coolpora)
(A) Frank Abberton
Sun. 25th Feb. 11.00am (A) Mary Walsh
(A) Paddy Kelly
Mon. 26th Feb. 10.00am Private Intention
Private Intention
Tue. 27th Feb. 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish
Wed. 28th Feb 10.00am (A) Joe McHugh
Private Intention
Thurs.01st Mar. 7.00pm (A) Patrick & Florence Keane
Private Intention
Fri. 02nd Mar. 7.00pm (A) Joe Mahony
(A) John O'Meara, Josie O'Meara & Leo O'Meara
Sat. 03rd Mar. 7.00pm (A) Eileen Sheehy
(A) Paddy & Una Connors
Sun. 04th Mar. 11.00am (A) Maureen & Pat Joe Dillon
Private Intention

Ministers of the Word: Sat. 03rd Mar. & Sun. 04th Mar.

7.00pm: Ita Hynes

11.00am: **1st Reading:** Denis McLoughlin-**2nd Reading:** Aoibhinn Goode

Ministers for Holy Communion: Sat. 03rd Mar. & Sun. 04th Mar.

7.00pm: S. Fahy, E Ryan, M Connors & 11.00am: M.Lewis, S.O'Dwyer, S.Tuohy

Mass Servers: Sat. 03rd Mar. & Sun.04th Mar.

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

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

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

Masses: Church of the Ascension,Gortanumera

Sun.04th Mar. 09.30am-**Reader:** Mary Rourke

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Newsletter

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