

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: Ministers for Holy Communion: Please collect Rota List in the Sacristy

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

NB: Please Note Updated Safeguarding Policy on display in glass cabinet at Main Church Entrance.

NB: All Holy Week Ceremonies will ONLY be in St. Brigid's Church including Easter Sunday. No Mass on Easter Monday. 02nd April. Normal schedule will resume from Tues. 03rd April.

Penitential Rite for Holy Week: On Mon. 26th March @7.30pm.

Time of Ceremonies at St. Brigid's Church:

Holy Thursday. @7.00pm

Good Friday. @3.00pm + Stations of the Cross @7.00pm in St. Brigid's

Easter Vigil @9.00pm

Easter Sunday. @11.00am in St. Brigid's Church

Confessions after Ceremonies on Holy Thursday & Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross in St. Brigid's Church on Good Friday @7.00pm

Altar Servers Rehearsals as follows:

Holy Thurs @12Noon.**Good Fri.** @12Noon & **Holy Sat.** @12Noon.

Word of Sympathy: To the Donohue Family, Derryhiney on the death of Anne Donohue during the week. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Lost/Found: Large sum of money found on St. Joseph's Rd. Contact Parish Office.

Earth Hour: 24th Mar-8.30pm-9.30pm when we are invited to switch off all lights for one hour to show support for action on Climate Change. See www.earthhour.org.

Sleep Out for Galway Simon Community: Portumna Firefighters are sleeping out on Thurs. 22nd Mar.at Portumna Fire Station from 7pm-7am to funds & awareness to tackle homelessness in Co. Galway. Galway Co. & Galway City firefighters are sleeping out to experience for one night what many people in Ireland face every day. To sponsor a Portumna firefighter call on the night to donate or give on justgiving.com/fundraising/galwayfireandrescuesleepout.

Portumna Players: On stage Thurs. 22nd/Fri.23rd/ Sun.25th & Fri. 30th Mar. @8pm.

Portumna Town Hall: Available to rent on Monday & Wednesday evenings @favourable rates. Contact Marie-087-2358585 or Log on to Facebook page.

History Lecture: Sth. East Galway Archaeological & Historical Society lecture by Donal Boland on Tues. 20th Mar @8pm at the workhouse. Donal looks at the personal journey of people during the Great Hunger through the illustrations of the period.

Minecraft,Lego & more: In the Irish Workhouse Centre. Bookings now taken for MineVention(Sun.18th Mar.) & Lego Mon. 19th Mar.). [E-mail-info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie) & drop in €10 to secure your place.

Host Families: Required for home-stay French students from 08th July-29th July & Spanish home-stay students for various dates in July.Tel: Marie Brady-087-4154983 for details & application form. Families must have a child aged 12-16yrs to participate in this programme.

Chiropody Clinic: Attending Hayes Pharmacy, Portumna on Tues.27th Mar & Thurs. 29th Mar. for general & diabetic footcare. Tel:Emma at 086-1901247 for appointment. Homeclinic & Housecalls also available.

Portumna S.V.P Shop: Urgent Appeal for Ladies & Gents Clothing,Bric-a-Brac & Blankets. Open-Wed.-Sat.-12Noon-4pm.

Lorrha National School: Taking enrolment for Sept. 2018. Tel: 090-9747295 for application form or call to school or it can be posted or download on www.lorrhans.ie. Annual Open Day on Wed. 14th Mar @1pm to view & talk to teachers. Bus service available on different routes-details in school. If this date is not suitable contact school for an appointment.

NCBI: Seek volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Portumna on Sat. 14th Apr. Tel: Collette McEntee-01-8821970.

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 Mar. 2018 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat. 17th Mar. 11.00am (A) Molly McMahon & Kate & Michael Holmes
(A) Ronald Hegarty & deceased family members
7.00pm (A) Georgina Hoary & Kitty & Bertie Larkin
Private Intention

Sun. 18th Mar. 11.00am (A) Nora Flanagan
Private Intention

Mon. 19th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention x 2

Tue. 20th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish

Wed. 21st Mar 10.00am Angela & Michael Purcell
Private Intention

Thurs.22nd Mar. 7.00pm (A) David & Mai Frawley
Private Intention

Fri. 23rd Mar. 7.00pm (A) Dora O'Brien, Tom Keane & Jack Brien
Private Intention

Sat. 24th Mar. 7.00pm (A) Alan & Richard Gillane
(A) Martin Foley

Sun. 25th Mar. 11.00am (A) Nora Mannion
(A) Eamon O'Toole

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

7.00pm: M Connors, N Hayes, K O'Hare & **11.00am:** M Lewis, J. Gannon, S Smith Tuohy

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

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

Masses: Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera

Sun. 18th Mar. 09.30am (A) Larry Cormac

Sun. 25th Mar. 09.30am (A) Jimmy & Maisie Canning
(A) Keith Hayes

Reader: Francis Conway

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