

Confessions: Every Saturday-6.00pm-6.20pm in St. Brigid's Church,Portumna

Adoration-2.00pm-7.00pm every Thursday & Friday

NB: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is now dedicated to praying for vocations particularly to the priesthood.

NB: This week-end's Mass is on Page 109 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.

Trócaire Boxes: Available at main entrance to St. Brigid's Church for collection. Please take one for each household.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Anybody available to help with organizing The Portumna St. Patrick's Day Parade for 2019 please [Tel:087-2850165](tel:087-2850165) or [087-7427950](tel:087-7427950).

The Portumna Group & Friends Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Will take place this year for 5 nights departing Tues. 25th June 2019 and returning Sunday 30th June 2019. Further information Tel: Dr. Kaye Duddy-090-9742444.

Stations of the Cross: Outdoor veneration of the Stations of the Cross on Wed. 6th Mar. @5.30pm in St. Feichin's Cemetery,Lackan in Abbey parish. All welcome.

Knock Shrine Society: Seek volunteers to assist pilgrims who visit the Shrine.Open to all men/women over 18yrs to assist the Sick & Infirm and to assist in Eucharistic & Liturgical services. Tel: John Hynes,Knock Shrine-087-6891422 or e-mail

knockshrinesociety@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer Week-end Retreat: In Esker Retreat Centre,Athenry from 8th-10th Mar.2019.Bookings/Registration-Tel:091-844549. [E-Mail:info@redemptoristsesker.ie](mailto:info@redemptoristsesker.ie).

Towards Peace: A service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel,individually or institutionally. The vision of

Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families,whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. Up to 12 sessions are available with **No Fee**.

[Tel:01-5053028](tel:01-5053028) or 086-7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie.

Bealtaine Festival-Celebrating Creativity As We Age: Consider running a Dawn/Dusk Chorus during the month of May. Older people, their families and friends sing songs they love,songs anybody can join in. Further information [Tel:01-8057713](tel:01-8057713) or e-mail bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.ie.

Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering: On Sun. 10th Mar. from 2.30pm-5.15pm at Scoil an Chroi Naofa,Society St. Ballinasloe. **Speaker-**Fr. Aidan Ryan(Ardagh & Clonmacnoise) **Topic-**The call to holiness in today's world-reflectiing with Pope Francis. Raffle to raise funds for faith related projects. Admission **Free**.All welcome.

Portumna G.A.A: No winner of last week's lotto jackjot. Numbers drawn were 2,8,15,25. There was no match three winner-Donation to Portumna Day Care Centre.Current Jackpot €4800.00.

Art Competition: Portumna Community Games invite your child to participate in the Art Competition in Portumna Town Hall on Sat. 9th Mar.Registration at 2.30pm to start at 3.15pm.**Cost** €5 this will also cover Portumna Community Games Track & Field Events on 28th Apr. For Boys/Girls Under 8 over 6/Under 10 over 8/Under 12 over/Under 14 over 12/Under 16 over 14. Size A4 Paper will be provided,participants must bring their own drawing & colouring pencils. Maximum time allowed is 3hrs. An exhibit must be based on a Community Games Activity. Aerosol(spray paint etc) is not allowed. Write Name & Age Group on back of Artwork. Visual Aids .i.e. photographs,newspaper cuttings,transfers etc will not be permitted. Winner announced on St. Patrick's Day.

Portumna Castle Crafts & Garden: Present a retrospective exhibition of local creativity and imagination. Students past and present present their work from the last two decades. Official opening on Wed. 6th Mar. @6.30pm in Portumna Library. All welcome.

Chiropody Clinic: Attending Portumna Day Care Centre on Wed.6th Mar. For Appointment Tel: Geraldine-086-3532672.

Portumna Castle & Crafts: Holding Art Classes under the direction of Wolf LLorien on Mon/Tues/Wed. nights and a Day Class on Tuesday as well in Abbey St. Portumna.

Rathcabbin Players: 3 act comedy"Better Late Than Never" final 2 nights Sat. 2nd Mar. & Sun. 3rd Mar.in Rathcabbin Hall.Sunday night's performance is in aid of Special Olympics Irl.which takes place in Abu Dabi in March.Doors open 8pm [Tel:087-2360096](tel:087-2360096) to book a seat.

Scoil Lua Naofa Lorrha: Now accepting enrolments for the coming school year. Contact school-090-9747295 or e-mail-luanaofa@eircom.net or forms can be collected from the school.

Nth. Tipp Ploughing Championships: On Sun. 3rd Mar. from 12.30 on the lands of Dennison family ,Kilbarron.

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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Holy Mass Times: St. Brigid's Church

Sat. 2nd Mar. 6.30pm (A) Bernie Connolly
(A) Frank Abberton
Sun. 3rd Mar. 10.30am (A) Loretta McKeigue
(A) Alan Gillane & Richard Gillane
Mon. 4th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention x 2
Tues. 5th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention
People of the Parish
Ash.Wed. 6th Mar. 10.00am Private Intention x 2
7.00pm
Thurs. 7th Mar 7.00pm (A) John O'Meara, Josie O'Meara & Leo O'Meara
Fri. 8th Mar. 7.00pm (A) Eileen Sheehy
(A) Maureen Dillon
Sat. 9th Mar. 6.30pm (A) Charlie & Bridie Hackett
(A) Tommy Fitzpatrick
Sun 10th Mar. 10.30am (A) Nora Mannion
(A) Michael & Monica Dillon & Joe Dillon

Minister of the Word: Sat. 9th Mar. & Sun. 10th Mar.

6.30pm: 1st Reading: Sean O'Dwyer & **2nd Reading:** Courtney Duane
10.30am: 1st Reading: Mary Dillon & **2nd Reading:** Ruth Lohan

Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 9th Mar. & Sun. 10th Mar.

6.30pm:A Callanan,E Ryan,M Connors **10.30am:** P Lohan,P Joyce,A Tuohy

Mass Servers: Sat. 9th Mar.& Sun.10th Mar.

6.30pm Team (A) & **10.30am**-Team (C)

Church of the Ascension,Gortanumera

Sun. 3rd March 9.15am

Reader: Isabelle Canning

Sun. 10th March: 9.15am

Reader: Mary Rourke

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Sunday 3rd March 2019

**Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**