

**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.**

## ♣Happy St. Patrick's Day♣

**NB: This week-end's Mass is on Page 123 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.**

**NB: 2<sup>nd</sup> Basket Collection this week-end for Emigrants**

**NB: In keeping with the Penitential aspect of Lent "NO FLOWERS" are to be placed on any of the altars in all the churches.**

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

**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](mailto:bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.ie).

**A beginning Experience week-end:** For people who have lost a spouse through death,divorce or separation on 5<sup>th</sup> Apr.-7<sup>th</sup> Apr.at Redemporist Retreat Centre,Athenry. For details Tel: [Gerry-086-3855090](tel:086-3855090) or Maureen-087-6646896.

**Foyer of Light,Charity & Love-5 day Retreat:** In Esker Retreat Centre,Athenry,Co. Galway from Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr.-Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Apr.- theme is "If you but knew the gift of God" preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Cost is €380 with full board. Tel: Helen-086-1678027-[www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie).

**Special Loughrea Group Christmas Pilgrimage:** To the Holy Land & **ALSO** Special Loughrea Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. for Halloween-8nts taking in Bethlehem,Jerusalem Mount Tabor,Cana,Nazareth,Jericho,River Jordan,Dead Sea & sea of Galilee. Also Special Loughrea Fatima/Lisbon Pilgrimage for Feast Day of St. Anthony on 9<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June. Full day trip to Lisbon Prayers,Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Tel:James-086-0572216.

**Gortanumera National School:** Now enrolling students for the school year 2019/2020. Contact the school at 090-9741624 for further details.

**Portumna G.A.A:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 4,10,19,22. Nine match three winners-Ciarán Ryder,Olivia Muldoon,Sarah McNamara,Kevin Cooke,Lisa Guerin,Irene Scott,Carmel Molloy,Liz Allwood and Michelle Murphy.Current Jackpot €5000.00. Club running a 2 Day Easter Camp on Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> April and Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> April for all under age teams from u6 upwards. One night only for Registration and bookings on Fr. 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 6pm-8pm.Well done to u21 team who beat Ballygar in the start of championship with a score of 4-15 to 1-15. The u16 team lost out to Ballinderren.

**Portumna & District A.R.A. 2019:** A very successful A.G.M. was held to welcome our new committee,and thank those that are retiring for their excellent service throughout the year.

**SEGAHS Lecture:** Next lecture for Sth. East Galway Archaeological and Historical Society will be Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. at the Irish Workhouse Centre @8pm given by Sean Hogan on "The Politics Revolution in Tipperary-1913-1923.

**Portumna Castle Crafts & Garden:** Present an Art Exhibition of past and present work of students under the direction of Wolfe Lorrien presently on display for the month of March kindly hosted by Portumna Library.

**Fundraiser Table Quiz:** In aid of the upkeep of Portumna Golf Club on Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. @8pm in the Clubhouse. Tables x 4 at €10p.p. Partners not necessary as individuals most welcome. Come along for a fun night.

**Chiropody Clinic:** Attending Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. for general diabetic foot care.Tel: Emma-086-1901247 for appointment.

**How to Reduce Plastic in Everyday Life:** On Saturday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar.-10am-1pm in An Gáirdín,Portumna with Ann Mahon Phd GMIT. Learn how to reduce instead of recycle, how to reduce plastic use and be introduced to alternative products and meet people who have found ways to reduce their plastic use. See [www.angairdin.ie](http://www.angairdin.ie). Booking-Tel:087-2845443 or e-mail-angairdin1@gmail.com.

**Irish Women Exhibition:** Abbey & District Heritage Group are hosting an exhibition in Abbey Community Centre from 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March. To celebrate the contribution of local woman Aggie Whyte a traditional music afternoon with local musicians will be held in Abbey Community Centre on Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar.@3pm with special guest Máirín Fahy(niece of Aggie Whyte). All welcome to this **FREE** event.

**To view the parish newsletter online:** [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie) or [www.visitportumna.com](http://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. 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. 6.30pm (A) Pat & Maura Scott  
(A) Tom Mannion

 **St. Patrick's Day**  10.30am (1<sup>st</sup> A) Ann Donohue  
(A) Ronald Hegarty & deceased family members

**Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. No Mass**

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00am (A) Margaret Hogan  
People of the Parish

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00am Private Intention x 2

Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 7.00pm Private Intention x 2

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. 7.00pm (A) Michael & Angela Purcell  
(A) Georgina Hoary

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 6.30pm (A) Sean O'Hare  
(A) Eamon O'Toole

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.30am (1<sup>st</sup> A) Joseph Moore  
(A) Nora Flanagan

**Minister of the Word: Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. & Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

**6.30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ruth Conroy & **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Sinead Lohan

**10.30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** John Gannon & **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Rose Dolphin

**Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. & Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

**6.30pm:**B Mitchell,M Fahy,S Fahy**10.30am:** M Blaney,S O'Dwyer,S Smith Tuohy

**Mass Servers: Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar.& Sun.24<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

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

**Church of the Ascension,Gortanumera**

 **St. Patrick's Day**  **9.15am**

**Reader:** Francis Conway

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am** (A) John,Sabina & Michael Connors & deceased family members

**Reader:** Shane Connors

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## Parish

# Newsletter

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Second Sunday of Lent