

**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 132 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.**

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

**Church Gate Collection for Parents Association of St. Brendan's N.S.Portumna:**

Would like to thank all who contributed generously to the church gate collection last week-end which amounted to €528. This money will help fund extra curricular activities within the school.

**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](tel:086-0572216).

**Portumna G.A.A:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 5,11,12,20. Two match three winners-Orla McNulty & Eanna & Moya Keady.Current Jackpot €5100.00. A big Thank You to Yvonne O'Meara(Super Value) & Mark Finn(Daybreak) for permitting new lotto stands in their stores & also Brian Murray for his wonderful craftsmanship in designing them. Club delighted to announce that the long standing partnership with Al Hayes Motors is set to continue as the clubs sponsor for another year. Club wishes to extend their gratitude to Al,Noreen & family who have being a great servant to the adult and underage teams as well as financial support over the years.

**Portumna Town Hall AGM:** On Thurs.4<sup>th</sup> April @8pm in the small hall.

**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.

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

**Heritage/History Talk:** Declan Kelly,MA will speak about on "How the town of Ballinasloe developed from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and impact of development on local burial practices" on Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. '7.30pm in the Woodford Heritage Centre. All welcome to attend this event.

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

**Annual Special Olympics Collection Day:** On Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> April. Collectors required for Ballinasloe.Tel: Kitty Tierney-087-2203710.

**Killimor Camogie Club:** Holding a Preloved Handbag Ladies Night in St. Joseph's Centre,Killimor on Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. from 8pm-10pm. Entry **FREE** with complimentary refreshments and everyone entered into a draw for a hotel voucher.

**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. 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  
Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00am Private Intention x 2  
Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00am Private Intention  
People of the Parish  
Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.00am (A) Dave & Mae Frawley  
Private Intention  
Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.00pm Private Intention x 2  
Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.00pm (A) Jim & Molly Kelly  
Private Intention  
Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. 6.30pm (A) Martin Foley  
(A) Joe Keary  
Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 10.30am (A) Tom Kelly, Paddy Kelly & deceased family members  
Private Intention

**Minister of the Word: Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. & Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar.**

**6.30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Denis McLoughlin & **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Fiachra Callan

**10.30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** John Dillon & **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Adrian Hoare

**Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. & Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar.**

**6.30pm:** E Ryan, M Connors, N Hayes **10.30am:** J Dillon, P Lohan, P Joyce

**Mass Servers: Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. & Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Mar.**

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

**Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera**

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

**Reader:** Shane Connors

**Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> March: 9.15am** (A) Larry Cormac  
(A) Jimmy & Maisie Canning

**Reader:** Isabelle Canning

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Third Sunday  
of Lent**