

**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 137 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.**

**NB: Final Holy Communion Preparation Mass will take place next week-end**

**NB: Church Gate Collection for Irish Cancer Society will take place next week-end-Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> April & Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

**NB: Clocks come forward 1 hour-Summer Time- on Saturday night at midnight.**

**"Happy Mothers Day" to all mothers in our parish.**

**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 Redemptorist 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).

**Lough Derg Pilgrimages:** One Day Retreats in May/August/September-A guided day of prayer and reflection. Pilgrims keep footwear on. Refreshments on arrival and a light lunch served. Admission-€45-concessions for groups. Booking essential. Three Day Pilgrimage-June/July/August. Begin any day from Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> May-Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug. Three Day Pilgrimage ends Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. Admission €75. Concessions available for students,seniors and groups.

**Portumna G.A.A:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 14,20,22,25. One match three winner-Eoin Donoghue.Current Jackpot €5200.00. A big Thank You to parents who signed up their child for Easter Camp-93children in total signed up. Well done to club man Neil Connelly who was a member of Borrisokane School who won the All Ireland Colleges C Final last Saturday.

**Portumna & District A.R.A:** Members please take note that from Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> April meetings will take place at 7.30pm in the social hall of Portumna Retirement Village. A night of Song and Dance will be on the night.

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

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

**Chiropody Clinic:** In Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>/ & 30<sup>th</sup> April for general and diabetic footcare. Tel: Emma-086-1901247 for appointment.

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

**Shragh 6K:** Run/Jog/Walk On Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. @1pm starting from Shragh Community Centre. Registration at 12Noon-12.45pm. Adults-€10/Children €5. Family discounts-FREE entry with Sponsorship Card(min. €10 per card). Refreshments afterwards. Proceeds will go towards upkeep and maintenance of Shragh Community Centre. For Sponsorship Cards and Enquiries Tel./Text Mary-087-6152668.

**Study Hub Loughrea:** Easter revision courses for Junior and Leaving Cert students in **Maths,Irish,English,French and Biology**. Small classes,double time of other centres,excellent notes and comprehensive advice on exam techniques from highly qualified teachers. Book directly on website-<http://WWW.studyhubloughrea.ie> or Tel: Breda-086-3792360.

**National Tree Week on 31<sup>st</sup> March-7<sup>th</sup> April:** An invitation to reflect on our relationship with trees and get to know the trees in our surroundings.If planting trees this week it is very important for the health of our ecosystem that we choose native species. See [angairdin1@gmail.com](mailto:angairdin1@gmail.com) and [www.treecouncil.ie](http://www.treecouncil.ie).

**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.

Fr. Michael Byrnes J.V.,P.P. Tel: 090-9741092  
Mobile: 087-6227468 Email: portumnaparishnewsletter@gmail.com  
Radio Link- 102.6fm St. Vincent de Paul 087-3650922.

**Holy Mass Times: St. Brigid's Church**

Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	6.30pm	(A) Joe Keary (A) Martin Foley
Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	10.30am	(A) Tom Kelly, Paddy Kelly & deceased family members Private Intention
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	10.00am	Private Intention x 2
Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr.	10.00am	Private Intention People of the Parish
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	10.00am	Private Intention
Thurs. 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	7.00pm	(A) Francie & Ena Hynes & deceased family members Private Intention
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	7.00pm	(10 <sup>th</sup> A) Brendan Gannon (A) Paddy & Maura Conboy
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	6.30pm	(A) Helen Blake (A) Tommy Moran & deceased family members
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	10.30am	(A) Ryan & Cooney family Private Intention

**Minister of the Word: Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Apr. & Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Apr.**

**6.30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Lillian O'Dwyer & **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Courtney Duane  
**10.30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Pierce Joyce & **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Aoife Murray

**Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Apr. & Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Apr.**

**6.30pm:** K O'Hare, B Mitchell, M Fahy **10.30am:** A Tuohy, P Coleman, M Lewis

**Mass Servers: Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Apr. & Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Apr.**

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

**Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera**

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

**Reader:** Isabelle Canning

**St. Peter & Paul's Boula**

**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> April: 9.15am**

**Reader:** Patrick Donohue

**Portumna**

**Parish**

**Newsletter**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent**