

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

Adoration-2.00pm-7.00pm every Thursday & Friday

NB: No Adoration on 26th & 27th December. Adoration resumes again on Thurs. 2nd Jan.& Fri. 3rd Jan. 2020.

Parish Priest's Christmas Message:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we approach the celebration of the birth of Our Saviour my prayer for you, personally, your families, and all those whom you love, may experience his peace, strengthen your faith and deepen your belief in His presence to you. I wish every blessing to you and yours for 2020.
Fr. Michael,P.P.

This week-end's Mass is on Page 418 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.

Those wishing to purchase The St. Paul Sunday Missal for 2020 is now available at Parish Office for €5.

2020 Church Offering Boxes available for collection at Main Entrance to St. Brigid's Church

Confessions: St. Brigid's Church, Christmas Eve 2pm-3pm.

Portumna & District Lions Club Annual Church Gate Collection will take place this week-end.

Word of Thanks: Thank You to everyone for donations and support received from Church Gate Collection on week-end of 7th/8th December 2019 and also individual donations received directly to conference from **St. Vincent de Paul.**

Our Lady of Clonfert Church:Church is now closed for renovations. The Statue of Our lady of Clonfert will reside in St. Brendan's Church,Eyrecourt for the duration of the works(H53 XV25) Newly Renovated Church will reopen on Sun. 26th April 2020. Further information [Tel:090-9675113](tel:090-9675113).

Local Pilgrimage to Fatima Easter 2020: From 8th-13th April for 5nts with Full Board taking in all the major sights to include day trips to Santerim where Bleeding Host took place and Lisbon to see St. Anthony's Church and Baptismal Font. Tel: James Treacy-086-0572216.

Portumna G.A.A: No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 4,6,9,16. No match three winner. Donation to Mighty Oaks Arch Club. Present Jackpot is €2600.00

Word of Thanks: Angela & John Cormican & Family would like to thank the people of Gortanumera,Portumna and surrounding areas for their generous donations at the Coffee Afternoon on 7th December 2019 . All monies raised goes to The Simon Community,Galway which amounted to €2925.00.

Portumna Christmas Day Charity Swim/Dip: In conjunction with Portumna Chamber of Commerce will take place @12noon,at Swimming Area,Shannon Rd,Portumna. All proceeds in aid of Portumna Social Service Daycare Centre. Sponsor Cards available from Curley's Bar,Hayes's Bar or Ann-Tel:087-6493221.

Portumna Forest Park Walk: Walk off that Christmas Dinner and join us for a **Walk in Park** on St. Stephen's Day. Meet at Portumna Castle Gates @2pm. All monies raised will go towards the upkeep and ongoing works of our Parish Churches.

Portumna Arts Group & Shorelines Arts festival: Wish all our friends,sponsors, performers,volunteers and audiences **A Very Happy Christmas. Annual Arts Buffet Dinner in Portumna Golf Club Restaurant on Mon. 6th Jan. @7pm.** with choice of starter/Main Course/Dessert,including Vegetarian Option for €20 and Complimentary Glass of Wine. **Booking Essential** as numbers limited-pay €20 to **Noelle**(Hayes Pharmacy),**Jackie**(Beehive) or **Joan**(Credit Union) by 31st Dec. All welcome. Any queries [Tel:085-1925466](tel:085-1925466).

Attention Active Retirement Clubs: A Guided Tour of Berlin is organized for 3 days from 8th May 2020 ex Dublin including 2 half days of Guided Tours throughout Berlin with 4 Star Hotel in City Centre. Tel; Joe WalshTours-01-2410800.

NB: The protection of your personal data is important to us. We are happy to include your notice in our Parish Bulletin,**BUT** please ensure that you have received the consent of any persons referenced before submitting a notice to us.

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.

NB: Office Closed from 25th December 2019.Reopens Monday 6th January 2020.

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Holy Mass Times: St. Brigid's Church

Sat. 21st Dec 6.30pm (A) Martin, Maria & Matthew Moran
(A) Pat Joe Dillon

Sun. 22nd Dec 10.30am (A) Paul Glynn
(A) Sean Fahy & Michael Fahy

Mon. 23rd Dec 10.00am (A) John O'Neill
Private Intention

Tues. 24th Dec Christmas Eve:

Family Mass: 6.00pm (A) Diver & Fahy Family
People of the Parish

Christmas Vigil: 9.00pm (A) Philip Brown
(A) Con Rooney

Wed. 25th Dec . Christmas Day: Boula @8am
Gortanumera @9am
Town @10.30am
(A) Gerald Thorlby, Patrick Conroy & John McMahon

Thurs. 26th Dec No Mass

Fri. 27th Dec No Mass

Sat. 28th Dec 6.30pm Private Intention x 2

Sun. 29th Dec 10.30am (A) Nancy Madden
(A) Michael & Kathleen Flaherty & Baby Anthony Flaherty

Minister of the Word: Sat. 28th Dec. & Sun. 29th Dec.

6.30pm: 1st Reading: Ita Hynes & **2nd Reading:** Courtney Duane

10.30am: 1st Reading: Martha Tuohy & **2nd Reading:** Izzy Tuohy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 28th Dec. & Sun. 29th Dec.

6.30pm B Mitchell, E Ryan, M Connors **10.30am:** P Lohan, A Tuohy, P Coleman

Mass Servers:

Sat. 28th Dec. 6.30pm=Team (E) New Group Sun. 29th Dec. 10.30am=Team (D) New Group

St Peter & Paul's, Boula

Sun. 22nd Dec. 9.15am

Reader: Adrian Hoare

Sun. 29th Dec. 9.15am (A) Tom & Julia Donohue

Reader: Patrick Donohue

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Sunday 22nd December 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent