

**Confessions:** Every Saturday-6.00pm-6.20pm in St. Brigid's Church,Portumna  
**Adoration-**2.00pm-7.00pm every Thursday & Friday  
**This week-end's Mass is on Page 106 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.**

**Portumna Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Annual Portumna Group & Friends Lourdes Pilgrimage will be in Sept. 2020. For further details Tel: Dr Kaye Duddy-090-9742444.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hungary September 2020:** Join Bishop Michael Duignan on the Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hungary from 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September. 2020 visiting Győr and Budapest. Cost is €845.00pp sharing(single supplement applies). For full details or to book contact Isabelle-091-841560. Places are limited,immediate booking advised.

**Our Lady of Clonfert Church Restoration:** Extensive renovations are currently taking place at the Shrine in Clonfert,including roof,electrical,heating,sound,painting and decorating.I am making a special appeal for financial support to offset the huge cost of this project. I would be most grateful for any donations which can be sent to the Parish office,Eyrecourt,Ballinasloe,Co Galway H53 KX85.

[E-Mail-stbrenseyecourt@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:E-Mail-stbrenseyecourt@clonfertdiocese.ie) or Tel: 090-9675113. Many thanks in advance. Fr. Declan McInerney P.P.(parish of Eyrecourt,Meelick &Clonfert)

**Emmanuel House of Providence,Clonfert:** Holding 7wks **Life in the Spirit Seminar** including Mass starting on Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. from 2.30pm-5.00pm. Bishop Michael Duignan:- 1<sup>st</sup> seminar on God's love. Tel: 057-9151552 or [contact@emmanuelhouse.ie](mailto:contact@emmanuelhouse.ie).

**Portumna Biodiversity Action Plan:** Port Omna Beo Biodiversity Group have obtained a grant to create a Community-Based Biodiversity Action Plan for Portumna. Working with local ecologist Anne Marie Mahon this project aims to increase awareness within the community the importance of biodiversity and to plan measures to enhance the biodiversity of the town and its perimeters.Community involvement is the key to success and an information evening will take place on Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. @8pm sharp in Boathouse function room.

**Rainey Days Manual Handling Training Courses:** On Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020 from 6pm-8pm and Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020 from 11am-1pm in Portumna Retirement Village. On Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2020 from 6pm-8pm and Sat.14<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2020 from 11am-1pm in Loughrea Family Resource Centre. Cost is €50pp. Places are limited. [Tel:Lorraine-087-9350425](tel:Lorraine-087-9350425) to reserve a place.

**Chiropody Clinic:** On main Birr/Portumna Road,just 10mins from Portumna. Evening appointments and home visits available. Tel: Geraldine Heenan-086-3532672.

**Portumna G.A.A:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 5,17,24,29. Two match three winners-Ann Fowler and Denis Slevin.Jackpot now €3400.00. The Club wish to thank everybody for you continued support.

**Fostering Recruitment:** Are you interested in fostering, short term or long term, in the Portumna Area? If so please contact the Parish Office.

**Table Quiz:** In Portumna Golf Club in aid of Portumna Ladies Club on Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. @8pm. Table x 4= €40.00. Individualals are very welcome. Lot's of spot prizes and fun guaranteed. Please support.

**Portumna Tús Community Work Placement Scheme:** Have a number of Vacancies in Portumna and surrounding area. If you are in receipt of Job seekers Allowance payment for a minimum of 12mths,interested in developing new skills and re-joining the work force for 19.5hrs per week in a family friendly manner,please call contact Galway Rural Development,Tús Office on St. Brendan's St.Portumna(Starr's building) or Tel: Yvonne-087-7113029 for more information.

**Accord,Ballinasloe:** Providing professional counselling service for individuals and couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. [Tel:090-9643573](tel:090-9643573) for appointment or E-Mail-[ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net).

**FREE Computer & internet Classes for Beginners & Farmers:** Provided by Galway Rural Development and Irish Rural Link in a venue near you. If you are working in the rural community,farming,a senior citizen,unemployed or part-time employed then this course is for you.[Tel:Anne](tel:Anne) Cassidy,GRD Rural Resource Officer-087-7685711 or e-mail-[acassidy@grd.ie](mailto:acassidy@grd.ie).

**Chiropody Clinic:** In Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Mon.17<sup>th</sup>,and Mon.24<sup>th</sup> February for general and diabetic footcare. For appointment [Tel:087-3344530](tel:087-3344530).

**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](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. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30pm (A) Brigid Casey & Winnie Hogan  
(A) Paddy & Una Connors  
Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30am (1<sup>st</sup>A) Tony Duane  
(A) Bill & Eileen Tuohy  
Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am Private Intention  
Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am Private Intention  
People of the Parish  
Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am Private Intention  
Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.00pm (A) Kitty, Tom & Malachy Hanley  
Private Intention  
Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 7.00pm (A) Theresa Madden  
(A) Mary Donoghue  
Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 6.30pm (A) Paddy & Mary Rabbitte & Paddy Callan  
(A) Sarah & Albert Patterson & Anne Patterson  
Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 10.30am (A) Mary Walsh  
(A) Loretta McKeigue

**Minister of the Word: Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. & Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.**

6.30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Denis McLoughlin  
10.30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Pierce Joyce & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Aoife Murray

**Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. & Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.**

6.30pm K O'Hare, B Mitchell, R O'Rourke 10.30am: Phil Coleman, Majella Lewis, P Lohan

**Mass Servers:**

Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 6.30pm = Team (E) Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 10.30am = Team (D)

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

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.15am

Reader: Rose Dolphin

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 9.15am (A) Tommy & Mary Burke

Reader: Patrick Donohue

# Portumna Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**