

**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 111 of St. Paul Sunday Missal.**

**NB:** In keeping with tradition No Flowers during the Season of Lent in the Church,except for weddings or personal flowers at funerals.

**Diocesan Appeal:** Next week-end is annual Envelope Collection for the needs of Clonfert Diocese. Along with 15% of the weekly Offertory Collection this is for many administrative needs of the diocese to include Child Safeguarding,General Data Protection Regulations,Charity Regulatory Authority. These new requirements are in addition to the many ordinary demands of a modern office.Please be generous in your response.

**Word of Thanks:** Thank You to all who contributed to the Church Gate Collection for Abalta on week-end of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. last which amounted to €534.45.

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

**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.

**Portumna G.A.A:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 15,21,27,30. One match three winner-Kevin Hardiman.Jackpot now €3500.00. The Club would like to offer sincere sympathy to Noreen Hayes on the passing of her brother Fr. Patrick Joseph Melican from St. Patrick's Missionary Society,Kiltegan,Co Wicklow and formerly of Lissycasey,Co Clare.

Portumna Senior.Hurlers play St. Mary's,Athenry on Sat.@3pm in first round of the league. Best of luck to all involved.

**Portumna & District A.R.A:** Social Outing in Portumna Golf Club on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. @3pm.Tea/Coffee Fundraiser for the Irish Heart Foundation in the Social Hall of Portumna Retirement Village on Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March @3pm.

**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.24<sup>th</sup> February for general and diabetic footcare. For appointment [Tel:087-3344530](tel:087-3344530).

**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.

**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).

**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. 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

Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am (A) Dan & Tess Burke  
Private Intention

Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am Private Intention  
People of the Parish

**Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

10.00am Private Intention

7.00pm Private Intention

Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.00pm (A) Margaret & John Hoare  
Private Intention

Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.00pm (M.M.) Angie Gleeson  
Private Intention

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30pm (A) Gerdy Dillon  
(A) Frank Abberton

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 10.30am (A) Alan Gillane & Richard Gillane  
Private Intention

**Minister of the Word: Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. & Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar.**

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

10.30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Breeda O'Connor & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ciara Kenny

**Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. & Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar.**

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

**Mass Servers:**

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30pm=Team (E) Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 10.30am=Team (A)

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

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

Reader: Patrick Donohue

**Church of the Ascension, Gortanumera**

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 9.15am (A) Tom & Mary Conway, Anne Kennedy & Marie Conway

Reader: Mary Rourke

# Portumna Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**