

**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 122 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:** This 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.

**New Portumna Parish Pastoral Council-2020-2023:**

**Parish Priest:** Fr.Michael Byrnes,Ann Tuohy,Laura Kelly,Jessica Canning,Margaret Lohan,Niall Hayes,Ruth Conroy.

**New Finance Committee-2020-2023:**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Michael Byrnes,**Chairman:** Colm Fahy,**Secretary:**Ann Tuohy,**Assistant Secretary:** Denis Gunning. **Committee Members:** Liam Burke,Fiona Kenny.

**I wish to express on your behalf and mine sincere thanks for the service given by the former Pastoral & Financial Council members. May the Lord bless them for their service and bless and guide the new council in their assistance to me as Pastor.**

**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.

**Portumna G.A.A:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Numbers drawn were 1,2,14,29. No match three winner. Donation of €50 to Galway Hospice Children's Fundraiser.Jackpot now €3600.00.

**Bridge Classes:** Learn to play Bridge. Classes commencing Mid-March in Portumna. Further details contact **President**-Pat Cox-086-2471773 or **Secretary**-Dr. Kaye Duddy-090-9742444. Portumna Contract Bridge Club.

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

**Chiropodist in Portumna Day Care Centre:** On Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. For appointment Tel: Geraldine 086-3532672

**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 Cassidy,GRD Rural Resource Officer-087-7685711](tel:087-7685711) or [e-mail-acassidy@grd.ie](mailto:acassidy@grd.ie).

**Chiropody Clinic:** In Hayes Pharmacy,Portumna on Mon.2<sup>nd</sup>,9<sup>th</sup>,23<sup>rd</sup>,30<sup>th</sup> March for general and diabetic footcare. For appointment [Tel:087-3344530](tel:087-3344530).

**Bealtaine Festival 2020-Celebrating Creativity as we Age:** Consider running a Dawn/Dusk Chorus during the month of May. For further details Tel: 01-8057709 or e-mail-bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.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. 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  
Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 10.00am (A) Patrick & Florence Keane,William,Elizabeth & Billy Hannon  
Private Intention  
Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 10.00am Private Intention  
People of the Parish  
Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.00pm Private Intention x 2  
Thurs.5<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.00pm Private Intention x 2  
Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.00pm (A) John O'Meara,Josie O'Meara & Leo O'Meara  
Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 6.30pm (A) Bernie Connolly  
(A) Paddy & Mary Jo Fogarty  
Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.30am (A) Eileen Sheehy  
(A) Michael & Monica Dillon & Joseph Dillon

**Minister of the Word: Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Mar.& Sun.8<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

6.30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Courtney Duane  
10.30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Martha Tuohy & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Izzy Tuohy

**Ministers of Holy Communion: Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Mar. & Sun.8<sup>th</sup> Mar.**

6.30pm M Connors,P Lohan 10.30am: J Gannon,M Blaney,S O'Dwyer

**Mass Servers:**

Sat.7<sup>th</sup> Mar.6.30pm=Team (E) Sun.8<sup>th</sup> Mar.10.30am=Team (B)

**Church of the Ascension,Gortanumera**

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

Sun.8<sup>th</sup> Mar. 9.15am

Reader: Francis Conway

# Portumna Parish Newsletter

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**  
**First Sunday of Lent**