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Portumna Faith Community Area

Holy Mass Times: Fahy Church.

Sat 16th Mar – Sun 17th Mar: 5th Sunday of Lent and St Patrick's Day.

Fahy 8pm: Elizabeth Mulvey

Minister of the Word: Bridie Larkin

Minister of Holy Communion: Teresa Horan

Readings: Jer 31:31-34. Heb 5:7-9. Jn 12:20-30.

Next Weekend

Sat 23rd Mar – Sun 24th Mar: Psalm Sunday of The Lords Passion

Fahy 8pm: Bridie & Donal Davoren and Months Mind for Maureen McDonagh, nee Davoren, who passed away last month in Canada.

Minister of the Word: Laura Dolan/Bridie Larkin/Lucy Conroy

Minister of Holy Communion: Elizabeth Campbell

Readings: Is 50:4-7. Phil 2:6-11. Mk 14:1-15:47.

NOTES:

Mass Bookings; please book all Masses with Niamh Kilkenny going forward (087 9584856).

Christenings, weddings and funerals are to be booked through Mary in Portumna Parish Office on 087 6227468 / 090 9741092.

Raheen National School is now enrolling for the school year 24/25. School contact details: 086 144 9353. Join us in the local school. Connect with us on the website raheenns.ie to view our events and activities and download the Enrolment form. Thank you.

Tea Dance in aid of Galway Hospice in Treacy's Killimor on Saturday, 16th March. Music by Marian Kirby band. Admission €10. Refreshments served.

A clothing collection will take place at Raheen NS on Wednesday, April 17th. Used clothing, paired shoes, bags, curtains, towels, bed linen (no pillows or duvets please). Thank you all for your support.

Happy St Patrick's Day and God's blessings on you and all your families. Bishop Michael Duignan

St Patrick's Day Emigrant Collection

Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that goes to support the work of Irish Chaplaincies abroad and Pastoral Outreach for Irish Emigrants around the world.

Medjugorje International Youth Festival from July 31st– August 7th 2024. Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31st July 2024) AND 35. Subsidised Fare €680 – all inclusive. For further information and booking form contact the Clonfert Diocesan Office: tel. 091 841 560, email office@clonfertdiocese.ie, or contact your local priest. Limited spaces – first come, first served. Closing date 12th of April.

St. Patrick's Weekend Concert Cantairí Chonamara and Music Matters present Connemara Songlines, a suite celebrating the Connemara landscape composed by Máire Ní Dhuibhir, and TREO ensemble, directed by Karen Dervan, on MONDAY 18th MARCH, at 6.30pm in GAELSCOIL RIABHACH, LOUGHREA H62 TK22. Tickets at the door or pre-book with Sarah 087 990 5710

Concert in Gullane's Hotel on Wednesday 20th March at 8pm with the Ballinasloe Town Band and La Canada High School Orchestra from California under director Jennifer Munday. Donations to local charities.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – All married couples deserve a WWME weekend. Friday 26th – 28th April 2024 in Focolare Centre Prosperous Co Kildare. Register online www.marriageencounter.ie – Good Marriages can always be made better!

St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea, Co. Galway 091 841387: Care of the Older person 9.30 am to 1pm and Activities of a Living Patient from 1.30pm to 4pm. Please contact John Melville on 087 9332033 or email john.melville@gretb.ie or freda.murphy@gretb.ie

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinginfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

ACCORD Ballinasloe are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. Contact 090 9643573 for appointment or email accordballinasloe@gmail.com

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will be holding a Social club in The Loughrea Family and Community Resource Centre, Bridge Street, Loughrea every Wednesday 2pm to 4pm. Contact Teresa on 087 188 8177.

Gamblers Anonymous – want to stop Gambling Helpline 086 349 4450. Weekly meetings, Tuesday GELS Room, Main Street, Ballinasloe H53RC95 at 8pm.

Keeping Connected – why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow in Clonfert Diocese Twitter.

Prayer for Migrants and refugees. We offer prayers for refugees and migrants prayers for an open and generous response to all who are in need and to those seeking refuge and shelter among us; prayers for a commitment to building a culture of encounter and dialogue where we work tirelessly to banish all tensions among people and to promote harmony in our society; prayers for all areas of the world afflicted by violence and warfare especially at this time in the Holy Land, Ukraine and South Sudan.

Newsletter Notices: niamhkilkenny@gmail.com or 087 9584856 by 12 noon each Thursday.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sat/Sun 9^{16h} Mar– 17th Mar 2024

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