

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

Portumna Faith Community Area

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St. Patrick's Day March 17th 2024

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Mass Mon9.30am Tue.7pm Wed.9.30am Thur.9.30am Fri.8pm Sat.10am & 7pm

Saturday Mar. 16th 7pm Peter (4th Anv) & Nora(1st Anv) Flaherty, Derryoobor

Michael Keon, Derrygoolin

Tuesday Mar. 19th 7pm Mick Starr, Woodview & Derrygoolin (Anv.)

Friday Mar. 22nd 8pm Nancy O'Reilly, Loughatorick (Months Mind)

Saturday Mar. 23rd 7pm Irene & Raymond Keary, Woodford

Martin Greally, Boston USA & formerly Claregalway (Anv.)

Joe Torpey, Derrygoolin (10th Anv.)

Altar Society: Team 4 Patricia Eames Celia Cox

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Mass: Fri. 9pm Sun. 11am

Sunday Mar. 17th 11am Padraig McCole, Shannonhill, Powers Cross (Anv)

Roger & Bridget Whelan, Rossmore & John & Anne Fahy, Abbey

Conor Hogan, Rossmore & deceased members of the Hogan & Canning Families

Friday Mar. 22nd 9pm Joseph Flanagan, Shragh (15th Anniversary)

Sunday Mar. 24th 11am Breedon Jones, Douras (10th Anniversary)

Altar Society Team 1 Breda Fahy Julia Fahy

Mass will be available on 105.0FM locally, on the Parish Facebook Page & Church Webcam

Link for St. John the Baptist Church Woodford www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist

Link for St. Brendans Church, Looscaun www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans

RIP:Pat Clogher, Dysart, Ballinasloe Co. Roscommon, brother of Mary Coughlan, Clonmoylan

Johanna Gildea (nee Noonan) Woodview(Anv)

Dates to Note

Service of Reflection and Prayer in Preparation for Confirmation on Thur. Apr. 11th at

7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church, Portumna

First Holy Communion on Sunday April 28th

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday May 16th at 11am in St.

Brendan's Church, Looscaun

New Email Address for the Parish Newsletter. Please direct Notices you wish to publish in the Parish Newsletter to this new email address

woodfordlooscaunnewsletter@gmail.com

Church Envelopes for 2024 are now available in the Churches, Woodford Envelopes in Woodford and Looscaun Envelopes in Looscaun. Thanks to all who have supported the various Church Collections this past year. It is very much appreciated.

Join the Galway 40 days for Life Lenten campaign to witness peacefully and to pray publicly, on Saturdays during Lent, outside UHG for a return to the Gospel of Life. 40 days for Life is the world's largest grassroots moment to end Abortion. To join : contact 083 423 1791.

Happy St Patrick's Day and God's blessings on you and all your families from Bishop Michael Duignan. Fr. Kieran would also like to take this opportunity to wish all in our parish and all who are visiting Woodford/Looscaun a Happy Saint Patrick's Day with God's Blessings. We also keep in our prayers and thoughts all from Woodford/Looscaun that are celebrating Saint Patrick's Day far from home.

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.

Thanks to the Students of Mercy College Woodford and their teacher Ms. Houlihan for the Service of Prayer and Reflection for Lent that was held in St John the Baptist Church, Woodford last Thursday March 14th . The Service is available online at <https://churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist/video/service-of-prayer-reflection-for-lent-with-mercy-college-woodford-students-14-mar-1929>

Medjugorje International Youth Festival from July 31st– August 7th 2023. 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.

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 E-mail ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

Shragh '45' Friday nights at 8pm in Shragh Hall

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at 0818 445 500

Gamblers Anonymous – Want to stop Gambling Helpline 086 349 4450 Weekly Meetings Tuesday GELS Room, Main Street Ballinasloe H53 RC95 @ 8pm.

Tommie Larkins Lotto results for the 10th of March 2024 - 17,21,29,30 - No Jackpot Winner, Match 3 Winner €150 - Rose Keon, Robert Headd. This week's lotto jackpot is €3 200. Buy tickets online or in local shops/pubs.

St Vincent de Paul, Portumna recruitment Do you want to help people in your Community? You know the issues in your Community and by offering a little help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Do you have approx 1-2 hours available weekly? If so, please apply by sending a text or WhatsApp with your name, address & contact details to SVP phone no: 087 3650922 and we will advise you of recruitment process For further information on the work of SVP, visit www.svp.ie Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at St Patrick's College, Maynooth on Sat, 16 Mar. Talks workshops include: The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger, Christian Marriage, Female Authors of the Catholic Revival, Christian Metaphysics, St Patrick. Mass will also be celebrated. Cost: €38 More details www.evangelium.ie

CANA Talks – “A Roadmap to Happiness” – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar – Friday 31 st May, 8 pm. 6 speakers plus Special Guests. Inspiration + Entertainment. Each speaker has just 15 minutes to inspire you (from a faith perspective)! Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music, + more. This is not a conference, but a show! Tickets €20 + booking fee www.ticketmaster.ie. Can pay cash at the door. www.canatalks.com.

Davitts 50/50 draw.: Congratulations to Eileen Whyte, Woodford, winner of €600 in last weeks draw. Next draw takes place on Monday 19th February. Tickets available available in local shops/pubs or online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales ". Thanks for your continued support **St Vincent de Paul, Portumna recruitment**

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Do you have approx 1-2 hours available weekly? If so, please apply by sending a text or WhatsApp with your name, address and contact details to SVP phone no: 087 3650922

and we will advise you of recruitment process

For further information on the work of SVP look online at SVP.ie

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Loving Father! You are the source of all that is: our beginning and our end .Pour out your Spirit upon us. Form in us the mind of Christ.Give us a greater appreciation for the precious gift of life. Renew in us a commitment to building a community where every human life is welcomed and valued from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Draw near to those who are sick or dying. Help those who love them and care for them. Bless us now and at the hour of our death. Amen Our Lady of Clonfert! Pray for us!

New Church Webcams. New Church webcams are now operational in both St. John the Baptist Church, Woodford and St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun. This is thanks to a most generous donation to the Parish to install webcams. This and your continued financial support of the Parish has enabled them to be installed and funded for the coming year. Thank you for that generous support

vening social. To view the full programme and to register visit www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland'

Davitts 50/50 draw.: Congratulations to Christina Gantley, Killeen, winner of €575 in last weeks draw. Next draw is our Christmas draw & takes place on Monday 5th February. available in local shops/pubs or online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales ". Thanks for your continued support

How to view the Church Webcam on your Laptop, Desktop, Tablet or Mobile Phone. Type in www.churchmedia.tv. Once on the site click in 'Search for your Church' and type in Looscaun or Woodford. Then click on the picture of the Church either Looscaun or Woodford to take you to the webcam for either St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun or St. John the Baptist Church, Woodford. You can also link directly to either webcam by typing in www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans for the Looscaun Church webcam or www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist for the Woodford Church Webcam. You can still watch Mass and Scheduled Church Services via the Woodford/Looscaun Parish Facebook Page which is now linked to the Church webcam. www.facebook.com/woodf4dlooscaun is the link to the Woodford/Looscaun Parish Facebook Page.

Tús community work placement scheme:

Galway Rural Development have a number of vacancies in the Woodford Area and also the surrounding areas of Abbey, Duniry and Tynagh

If you are in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (Means tested payment) or a Disability Allowance (DA) payment for a minimum of 12 months, interested in developing new skills and re-joining the work force for 19.5 hours per week, we can help.

In Woodford Development Group we have a Tús vacancy for a Maintenance/Caretaker Person.

Please contact the Tús Supervisor ~ Karen Connolly on 087 6903463 for more information.

Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25 th Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday April 6 th 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626

Celebration of the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and ,Confirmation 2024

We remember in our prayers those who are beginning to prepare for the celebration of the important Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and this year. We also remember their families, sponsors, teachers and our entire parish community who will journey with them.

New Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees At the moment parishes throughout the Diocese of Clonfert are reconstituting their Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees. These bodies are living examples of the synodal working together of the priest and

people for the good of the whole parish. Training for members will take place in the New Year along with a formal commissioning before Easter. For more information visit www.clonfertdiocese.ie

Meals4Health - Galway – Delivers Fresh Delicious Affordable Meals to your door. Suited to the dietary requirements of the older person. Phone 091354000 for more information or visit www.meals4health.ie Special and modified dietary requirements catered for also. Nationwide delivery available.