

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

Portumna Faith Community Area

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Trinity Sunday May 25th 2024

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Mass Mon. 9.30am Tue. 7pm Wed. 9.30am Thur. 9am Sat. 10am Sun. 11am
Saturday May 25th 7pm Fr. Willie Moran, ODC (First Anniversary)
Sunday June 2nd 11am Elizabeth McCabe, Woodford (10th Anniversary)

Altar Society: Team 2 Brid McNamara Kitty Moroney (Month of June)

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Mass Sun. 11am Sat. 7pm
Sunday May 26th 11am Gerard Donoghue, Slaughty (Months Mind)
Saturday June 1st 7pm Thomas & Margaret Martin, Gurteeny
John & Margaret Slattery, Looscaun

Altar Society Team 4 Betty whelan Maura Tully

RIP: Mike Tully, Portumna, brother of Annette Kenny, Clonmoylan

Church Offertory: May 12th €478.05 May 19th €584.35 Thank you for your continued support of the Parish. Thanks to all who support the various Collections including the Priests Easter Collection.

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

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

Dates to Note Cemetery Masses

Friday June 28th, Douras. Friday July 5th Gortaganna Friday September 6th Woodford

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend an invitation to All Parishioners, friends and visitors to join in the celebration of Holy Mass, followed by our annual Corpus Christi Procession on next Sunday, 2nd June at St. John the Baptist Church at 11 a.m. We would like to extend a special invitation to the children of the Parish who recently celebrated First Communion and Confirmation.

Following the procession, we invite everyone to join us for a Picnic at the Bay, where there will be treats for everyone. (If the weather is unsuitable for an outdoor event, we will adjourn to the Youth Club Hall). We look forward to seeing everyone on this special day in our Community.

There will be a formal Commissioning Ceremony for all Members of the New Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees of the Clonfert Diocese in St Brendan Cathedral Loughrea on Wednesday 5 th June at 8.00pm

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.

Pledge Opportunity for Young People in 5 th / 6 th Class: Pupils who have parental / guardian support and who are open to abstaining from alcohol until their 18 th year are welcome to take the pledge at Pioneers' Special Mass and Social Get Together in Emerald Ballroom, Ballinasloe, 7 – 8.30 pm, Friday 7 th June. More info @ www.creideamh.ie/pioneers. All welcome.

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 takes place from August 7th -12th departing from Shannon airport. Further enquiries from Society Travel 090 9645350 or 087 9479141

Come Follow Me' Weekend Workshop, 7th–9th June: An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7–11) about the Catholic faith using the 'Come Follow Me' catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools. Presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary's Church, the Claddagh. No previous experience required! For more information and to register, please contact Ruth on 087- 4090344 or email comefollowmegalway@gmail.com.

Pray for Life Novena The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday 23 rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31 st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [@PrayforLife_ie](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on X and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. Let us know if you are praying the novena together as a parish, family or other group via www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Mercy College Woodford has a vacancy for the position of Caretaker/Cleaner. This is a 15 hours per week position commencing June 2024. List of duties is available upon application. Apply with your CV and two named referees to admin@mercycollegewoodford.ie or contact 090- 9749076 by Tuesday June 4th.

Considering a Postgraduate study programme? Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Chaplaincy, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, sppu.ie/courses. Applications close soon.

Come along to our Open Day Friday May 31st 2024 09:30 TO 2:30 At the **FET (Further Education & Training) Centre St Brigid's Road Portumna H53 A263** Many interesting courses on offer: Horticulture Landscape Gardening JUNE 2024 Healthcare – SEPTEMBER 2024 IT – computers, Tourism SEPTEMBER 2024 English for Speakers of Other Languages ESOL Return to a supportive learning environment. Professional courses are certified by QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland – formerly FETAC). Now open for registrations.

Tommie Larkins Lotto results for the 19th of May 2024 - 4,6,10,19 - No Jackpot Winner, Match 3 Winner: Dickie Seymour, Mickey Walsh (Derryoover) This week's lotto jackpot is €4 200. Buy tickets online or in local shops/pubs.

Free Guided walks in the Slieve Aughtys. Meet and walk with the Grey Lake Ramblers walking group to celebrate their 20 yrs of trekking through a choice of 6 walks/hikes between 12 -16 June. Details-website:greylakeramblers.wordpress.com Or phone 0874673151 Registration:email your details to greylakeramblers@gmail.com before 5th June.

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.

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

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 6KM – Run/Jog/Walk on Sunday 14th April. Starting from Shragh Community Centre at 11am. Registration 10 – 10.45am. Entry: Adults €10/Children €5. Family Discounts. Refreshments afterwards. All proceeds for upkeep and maintenance of Shragh Community Centre. For more info phone/text Mary @ 087 6152668 All are welcome

DATES OF PASSOVER AND EASTER At the Council of Nicaea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. Sunday, 31 March 2024 is the feast of Easter. Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian Calendar, the Calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. One of the reforms was the removal of ten days from the Calendar and this discrepancy, now thirteen days, between the Julian and Gregorian

Calendars results often in a difference in the date for Easter in East and West as they follow the two Calendars. This happens in 2024 when the date of Easter for Eastern Christians is Sunday, 5 May. The feast of Passover is a seven day feast, beginning at sundown on the evening of 22 April 2024 (14 Nisan 5784).

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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and we will advise you of recruitment process

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

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.

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.

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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.