

## Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

### Portumna Faith Community Area

Fr. Kieran O'Rourke, T. 090 9749100, M. 087 2997956, \* E woodfordlooscaun@clonfertdiocese.ie  
 Newsletter is available on www.clonfertdiocese.ie, Eircode: H62 AK18  
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/Woodf4dLooscaun, Woodford/Shragh Defibrillator 999 or 112

### Palm Sunday April 13th 2025

#### St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Mass & Services Mon. 9.30am Tue 9.30am Wed 9.30am 3pm Fri. Sat. 9pm

Saturday April 12th 7pm Mass for the People of the Parish

Good Friday Apr. 18th 3pm Our Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday Apr. 19th 9pm Easter Vigil; Michael & Peggy Conroy, Gurteeny  
 & Tom & Mary Ann & DFM

Maureen (11th Anv) & Paul Page, Woodford & DFM

Altar Society: Bernadette Larkin Geraldine Lyons (Apr)

#### St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Mass Thur. 8pm Sun. 11am Mon. 10am

Palm Sunday Apr. 13th 11am Mass for Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday Apr. 17th 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday Apr. 17th 8pm Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday Apr. 20th 11am Gerard Donoghue, Slaughty (First Anniversary)

Easter Monday Apr. 21st 10am Willie Flanagan, Clonoon

& his parents Pat & Mary & DFM

Altar Society Team 5

**RIP:** Gene Tully, Rossmore

**Offertory: Sat/ Sun Apr. 5th/6th** €759.50 Thanks for your continued support

Please Note Envelope Boxes for 2025 are available in both Churches

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

**Link for St. John the Baptist Church Woodford** [www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist](http://www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist)

**Link for St. Brendans Church, Looscaun** [www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans](http://www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans)

**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](mailto:woodfordlooscaunnewsletter@gmail.com)

**Trócaire – The annual collection for Trócaire** will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of (26 th /27 th April). Thank you for your support of those in need through this worthy charity. There are other ways to donate also including using the Trócaire box or envelope or online at trocaire.ie

**Tommie Larkins Lotto results** for the 6th of April 2025 - 2,4,8,24.

No Jackpot Winner, Match 3 Winners: Ger&Finn Mc Gann, Paddy Seymour, Jim Gunning, John Mc Donagh, Pat&Imelda Mullins, Jason Shiel, Ailish O'Reilly, Ann Marie Bohan, Declan Keane. This week's lotto jackpot is € 8,800. Buy tickets online or in local shops/pubs.

**Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Brendan in Loughrea. on Wednesday next 16 th April at 8pm and in the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven & St Nicholas Galway on Thursday 17 th April at 11.00am. During Mass Bishop Duignan will bless the new Oil of Chrism for use at Confirmation this year. He will also

bless the Oil of Catechumens used in the Sacrament of Baptism and the oil used in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. At the Mass the Priests also renew their priestly vows. All are welcome to join the celebration

**First Friday Calls** for April on Holy Saturday Apr. 19th beginning at 11am. If you would like a call or know someone who would appreciate a call, please contact Fr. Kieran 090-9749100

#### Holy Week Ceremonies in Woodford/Looscaun Parish

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper** St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun at 8pm

**Good Friday Our Lord's Passion** St. John the Baptist Church, Woodford at 3pm

**Stations of the Cross** St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun at 8pm

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass** in St. John the Baptist Church at 9pm

**Easter Sunday Dawn Mass** at Our Lady's Grotto, Woodford at 5.30am

**Mass for Easter Sunday,** St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun at 11am

**Penitential Service for Easter** in St. Joseph's Church Killimor at 8pm on **Mon. Apr. 14th**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Easter** will be available after all the Holy Week Ceremonies and on request.

**Trócaire – The annual collection for Trócaire** will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of (26 th /27 th April). Thank you for your support of those in need through this worthy charity. There are other ways to donate also including using the Trócaire box or envelope or online at trocaire.ie

**Holy Places** and Priests Easter Collection Thank you for your contributions to these special collection that support Holy Places and the payment of your Priest. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Celebration of the Sacraments** of First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation 2025 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 Confirmation this year. We also remember their families, sponsors, teachers and our entire parish community who will journey with them.  
**Davitts 50/50 draw.**: Congratulations to Joe Kemple, Woodford, winner of €560 in last weeks draw. Next draw takes place on Monday, 21st April. Tickets available in local shops/pubs or online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts\\_Camogie\\_Club/TicketSales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales) . Thanks for your continued support

**Table Quiz** in Walsh's Woodford on Sat 12th April at 9pm. Fundraiser for Woodford-Looscaun Christmas Lights. Tables of 4 €40. Raffle on the night also. All welcome.

**Davitts CC** are holding a clothes collection on Saturday 26th April between 10am-12pm at Ballinakill pitch. We accept all rewearable clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags, towels, bedlinen, & soft toys. No pillows, duvets, or electrical goods. For further queries contact Mary on 087 7913046

**SHRAGH 6KM – Run/Jog/Walk on Easter Monday 21st April at 12pm..** Starting from Shragh Community Centre. Registration 11 – 11.45am. Entry: Adults €10/Childen €5. Family = €20. Refreshments afterwards. All proceeds this year for Shragh Community Centre and Woodford-Tynagh Community Games For more info phone/text Mary @ 087 6152668 All are welcome

**This Newsletter is printed with the kind support of Woodford Heritage Centre .**

**Loughrea Lions Club is running a CPR and AED course** in Lough Rea Hotel and Spa on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. To attend please contact Loughrea Lions Club by email to [loughrealionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:loughrealionsclub@gmail.com) or text Brendan 087 207 2899. Early booking is essential as places are limited.

**The Alzheimer Society of Ireland** runs a Social Club in Clarinbridge, If you are interested in attending, Clarinbridge Social Club, Sccul Sanctuary, Bungalow 9, Kilcornan, Clarinbridge H91 RHH4 Contact Teresa on 087 188 8177, On every Monday 2pm-4pm.

**Could You Change a Child's Life?** Currently there is an urgent need for safe and loving foster homes across the country including our local area. Origins Foster Care is looking for compassionate individuals and families to provide care and support. If you feel called to foster or would like to learn more, visit [www.originsfostercare.ie](http://www.originsfostercare.ie) or contact us at [eithne@originsfostercare.ie](mailto:eithne@originsfostercare.ie) or 087 0529749. Every child deserves a home—could yours be the one?

**WPD: Woodford Looscaun History Project Fieldnames/Place Names Update.**

We are delighted to let you know that we have had a number of get togethers with community members from Lowertown, Allendarra East and West, Upperforge, Rossmore, Shragh, Clonmoylan and Clonoon. As all the data has to be input on the night we have limited our meetings to 2/3 people from each area. We will be revisiting all those areas again later in the year and would appreciate any help you can give us in providing us with place names/field names/ wells, mass paths, burial grounds etc. We hope to showcase some of this historical collection of work later this year. In the meantime we will continue to work on the project visiting other areas in the Woodford/Looscaun Parish and if you have any information of historical interest relating to your area please contact Angela on 086 8513031 or Geert 086 2118315.

**HopeSpace CLG** provides a free one-to-one listening service for children and young people (4-17 years old) who are impacted by grief caused by bereavement. See [hopespace.ie](http://hopespace.ie), contact Áine at [support@hopespace.ie](mailto:support@hopespace.ie) or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** 30th April to Wednesday 7th May. Spiritual Director Fr Oliver Devine Group Leader Amy Guinan Fully inclusive 845 euro . Phone 0876552453

**Friary in Moyross - Calling for Help!** We're reaching out to see if anyone can assist or knows someone who can. The priests at the Friary in Moyross, Limerick, are looking to build a small extension (10 x 10ft) on their hermitage. This will be a timber extension attached to an existing timber structure. Here's how you can help: We are seeking carpenters or joiners who might volunteer a few days of their time to help with the construction. The Friary will provide accommodation for the few days it takes to build. All materials and supplies are generously being donated!

Key Details: Start Date: Wednesday, 2nd April Completion Date: Aiming for 1st May, in time for the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Fr. Bernardino via text on WhatsApp at 085 1160484 or by phone at 085 1439266.

**Derryooper Parents Association Fundraiser** presents "Beat the Millions" starting February 7th Pick five numbers from 1-50. Chosen numbers matched against Friday nights Euromillions main Draw (Lucky Stars excluded). Matched numbers are crossed off. Game continues weekly until a player matches all five numbers, winning player splits the pot. Payment is €2 weekly to stay in the game Contact Geraldine Keon 0861699818/Joe Duane 0876313204 by text or WhatsApp with your chosen numbers or for more info. Payment by cash or revolut no later than 4pm on a Friday. .

**Use of Churches** Churches are consecrated spaces. Their walls and altar have been anointed with the sacred Oil of Chrism. They have been set apart and dedicated solely for prayer, worship, the celebration of the sacraments and sacred rituals along with the safekeeping of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus among us. They are sacred spaces unlike any other. They stand as a unique reminder that God is with us and walks with us on the journey of life. In order to safeguard and emphasise the sacredness of our church buildings, Universal Church Norms and Clonfert Diocesan Norms do not permit churches to be used for: Non-religious concerts, performances or exhibitions Non-religious talks, seminars, social gatherings or functions The serving of food or beverages. Wakes or the reposing of the dead.

**The Diocese of Clonfert** is open to working with Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees to facilitate the use or improvement of parish halls or other parish

C

owned buildings to accommodate non religious activities or to discuss the de - consecration of churches surplus to current requirements so that they might be used for other than religious purposes.

R

The Ordinary Jubilee Year takes place every twenty five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, have been dedicated as special places of pilgrimage where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained.

[www.galwaydiocese.ie](http://www.galwaydiocese.ie)

[www.clonferdiocese.ie](http://www.clonferdiocese.ie)

**Tommy Larkins GAA Club** are proud to be participants in the upcoming Ireland Lights Up initiative. The hugely popular "Ireland Lights Up" returns with a group session on Monday January 13th at 6:15pm and every Monday for six weeks at Tommy Larkins GAA Pitch.

***This Newsletter is printed with the kind support of Woodford Heritage Centre .***

Walk, Stroll or Jog. If you can't join us on the Mondays our track lights are on seven evenings a week for all to use, so no excuses and all are welcome.

**You are invited to join in praying for Peace and Hope for our families, community and for our world at this time.**

***Jubilee Year of Hope – Pilgrims of Hope 2025***

***Loving Father,***

***we come before you,***

***in this Jubilee Year.***

***Our hearts are full of longing.***

***Now is the time to lay the past to rest.***

***Today is the day for a new beginning.***

***Breathe on us Spirit of God.***

***Inspire us.***

***Strengthen us.***

***Help us to follow ever more closely***

***the example of Jesus, your Son.***

***Help us to love you with all our heart.***

***Help us to care for one another.***

***In a world upset by war and discord,***

***we beg for the gift of lasting peace.***

***With Mother Mary by our side,***

***may we journey together***

***as pilgrims of hope on the road of life.***

***We ask this of you, O loving Father, through Christ Our Lord. Amen***