

First Sunday of Advent (C) November 29th 2015

Feast of Christ the King

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Masses this Week Wed. 8pm Fri. 8pm Sun. 11am

Sunday November 29th 11am Jim McNamara, Cappa.

Wednesday December 2nd 8pm Mary Starr, Convent Road, Bolag (Anniv.)

Friday December 4th 8pm Mass for First Friday.

Sunday December 6th 11am Alan Young, Drimnamuckla.

Eucharistic Ministers: Justin O'Byrne Mary Lyons.

Altar Society : Team 2 Kitty Moroney Brid McNamara.

Reader for Church: Rebecca Moylan.

Altar Servers: (C) Niamh Hickey Kate Keon Ciara Hickey Leah Fogarty Amy Shiel.

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Masses this Week Mon..8am . Sat. 10am & 7pm

Saturday November 28th 7pm Martin & Anna Flanagan

& Mary Davey, Shragh.

Saturday December 5th 7pm Michael, Paddy, Mary & Bridie Shiel, Coose.

Eucharistic Ministers. Mary Coughlan Angela Hanley.

Altar Society Breda Fahy Julia Fahy.

Reader for Church Michael Walsh.

Altar Servers: (C) Ruth Hanbury Michael Hickey Emily Power Brian Tuohy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues Sunday from 3pm to 4pm in St.Brendan's.Looscaun

RIP: Stephen Abberton, Phoenix Arizona, USA & formally Rossmore, brother of John Abberton, Rossmore who died during the week.

To Love is to Remember: We remember those in our Parish who died this past year,

Kathleen O'Halloran, 8th Oct. Mary Ann Pierce, 18th Oct. Annie Mooney 27th Oct.

Barney McMahan, 7th Dec. Martin Heffernan, 28th Jan. Josie McGuire 31st Jan.

Nancy Keary 2nd Feb. Paddy Hickey 5th Feb. Johanna Dunleavy 21st Mar.

Tessie Hanbury 22nd July. Gerard Lyons 18th Aug. Edward Cleary 12th Nov.

Angela Canning 18th Nov. Lena O'Keefe 19th Nov.

November is the month when we remember our faithful departed Next Sunday is the Feast of All Saints and Mon. Nov. 2nd the Feast of Holy Souls. To love is to remember.

Pastoral Council Meeting on Tue. Dec. 8th at 8pm in Woodfrd Hall.

Woodford Youth Club - Sale of Work will take place on Sunday 6th December

Sale of Work - Any help to organise/prepare the **Sale of Work 2015** would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mgt 087 7420466 or Alanna on 086 3916346

Please note First Friday Calls for the month of December will be made on Fri. Dec. 11th beginning in Looscaun at 10am and Woodford at 4pm. If you wish for the priest to call or know someone who may appreciate a call, please contact Fr. Kieran on 087-2997956.

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be coming to St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun next Saturday December 5th for Vigil Mass.

Woodford/ Looscaun Christmas Lights: Switch on and open street market on Saturday 12th December . Fundraiser on Saturday 2nd January in Walsh's Bar - Tickets €2 - please support

Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held in Portumna on Sunday 13th Dec.

Woodford/Shragh Defibrillator group are trying to organise defib. training session for anyone interested in being trained or doing a refresher course. There will only be a small fee to cover the cost of information booklet and mask that you get at the training session (€5/10). This will take place in Shragh hall, we just need numbers. If interested please contact Louise on 087 9954872 or Alanna on 086 3916346. Please be aware that while we are always looking for more volunteers to help out by taking the defib phone - doing this course doesn't mean you have to volunteer to take the phone.

Sowing Wildflowers, Thur 3rd Dec 7-9pm at An Gáirdín, Portumna. This workshop will cover all aspects of sowing native wildflower seeds. It will be of benefit to individual homeowners, community organisations - especially Tidy Town's committees-, farmers, educators, planners and those concerned for the welfare of wildlife and habitats. It will be facilitated by Sandro Cafolla. See www.wildflowers.ie Booking 090 9742689; angairdin1@gmail.com Cost €10 Information at www.angairdin.ie

Progressive 25. Tynagh Community Clubhouse. Fri 25th Nov in aid of *Galway Parkinsons Association*. Commencing 8.30pm. Entry €10

new driving school has opened in Portumna: Dillon Driving. Instructor: John Dillon A.D.I., Dip. Training & Development. *Dillon Driving* offers tuition in all local driving test centres.LESSONS given in VW Polo (dual controls) or in learner's car. School car available to learners for driving test.Discounts & vouchers available. Phone (087) 4577201.email: info@dillondriving.com

The 2015 Paris Climate Conference –COP21- takes place from 30th Nov to 11th Dec See www.COP21paris.org More than 190 political leaders are entrusted with the mammoth task of coming to a legally binding agreement to keep rising global warming below 2°C. All over the world, in solidarity with our political leaders, at grassroots level people are organising events, especially on Sun. 29th. Galway, along with all other cities, is hosting a march, assembling in Eyre Square at 1pm. See Transition Galway Facebook. Prayer services are being held in many churches. We can pray each day of the 12 days of the conference.

Christmas Cooking demonstration & cake sale, hosted by Davitts Camogie Club will take place in Tynagh Community centre on Friday 4th Dec at 8.30pm.Tickets for this great night are only €10 and are now available from any Davitts player or committee member

Craft Fair and Cake Sale on Sun, 29th Nov at 1.00 p.m. in the Day Centre, St. Brendan's Community Nursing Unit, Lake Road, Loughrea in association with **St. Brendan's CNU** and **Loughrea ICA**.

Christmas Craft Fair Sunday December 6th in Boathouse bar Portumna.12 to 5pm. Get your special Christmas gift and support local crafters.Your support would be very much appreciated

Family Music Fest - A union of families performing music together at The Village Theatre, Carrabane on Sun 29th Nov at 3pm. To raise funds for refugee families in crisis. Tickets €10.

Mountshannon N.S. will be holding their **Christmas Bingo** night in Mountshannon Hotel on Friday 11th Dec at 8 pm. Jackpot €450 (45 numbers). Raffle on the night. We look forward to seeing you

Community Employment Vacancies – There are a number of Community Employment Vacancies on the Sliabh Aughty Community Development Association Limited CE Project. The vacancies are based in the Portumna, Tynagh, Woodford and Duniry areas. The vacancies cover works associated with environmental works, general maintenance, community facilities upkeep and administration.

Further information is available on www.jobsireland.ie. Eligible applicants should forward their CV and Cover Letter by post or hand to Abbey Community Centre, Abbey, Loughrea or email sacdaldt@gmail.com. Successful candidates should be prepared to complete a Garda Vetting Application Form.

Chiropody Clinic will be attending Hayes Pharmacy Portumna on Thurs 3rd, Fri 11th & Fri. 18th Dec for general & diabetic footcare. Contact Emma 0861901247.Home clinic & house calls available.

Offaly Local Development Company are running a **FETAC level 4 Landscaping & Horticulture** Local Training Initiative in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education, Banagher.

It is a 26 week full-time programme ,commencing Feb 2016.For further information please contact
Roy/Imelda on 087 6835561

Sun. Nov. 29th SR 8.21am Set 4.22pm Last Quarter on Thur. Dec. 3rd at 7.40am

Sun. Dec. 6th SR 8.31am Set 4.18pm New Moon on Fri. Dec. 11th at 10.29am