

Third Sunday of Advent (C) December 13th 2015 Gaudete Sunday

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Masses this Week Tue.7.30pm Fri. 7.30pm Sun. 11am

Sunday December 13th 11am Michael Fahy, Allendarra (Anniv.)

Friday December 18th 7.30pm Angela Canning, Woodford (Months Mind)

Sunday December 20th 11am Tom, Mary & Gerard Lyons, Rea.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Eames Shiela Conroy .

Altar Society : Team 4 Patricia Eames Celia Cox

Reader for Church Ollie Conroy.

Altar Servers: (B) Eimear O'Byrne Sinead O'Byrne.

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Masses this Week Mon 8.30am. Wed. 9.30am Thur. 8am Sat. 10am & 7pm

Saturday December 12th 7pm Paddy & Kitty Burke, Clonco.

Willie Comer & deceased family members, Rockhill (Anniv.)

Saturday December 19th 7pm James & Baby Mulvihill, Clonoon

Eddie & Vincent Mulvihill & deceased family members.

Eucharistic Ministers. Kathleen Brogan Nancy Page.

Altar Society Nora Flaherty Mary Walsh.

Reader for Church Claire Goonan.

Altar Servers: (B) Gearoid Hanley Catherine Hanley Andrew Mullin Caitlin Page.

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

RIP :Brendan Regan, Clonmoylan. Ellen (Nellie) Collins (nee Moore) Trim. Co. Meath, wife of Michael Collins, formally Loughatorick. Reposing on Sun. in St. Mary's Funeral Home, Woodford from 6pm with prayers at 7.30pm. Burial at 12noon Monday in Woodfrd. Cemetery. Jerry (Dermot) Kelly, Avondale Court, Cahir Co. Tipperary, father of Carol Goonan, Looscaun.

Woodford/ Looscaun Christmas Lights Fundraiser on Saturday 2nd January in Walsh's Bar - Tickets €2 - please support

Pastoral Council Meeting on Tue. Dec. 15th at 8pm in Woodford Hall.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue is present in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Woodford. The Rosary will be recited at 5pm every afternoon to honour Our Lady. All are welcome & to visit at anytime.

Penitential Service for Christmas on Tue. eve. Dec. 22nd at 7pm in St John the Baptist Church, Woodford. Priests from Neighbouring Parishes will be in attendance. St. Joseph's Church, Ballinakill at 8pm the same evening. Portumna on Wed. Dec. 23rd

(Proposed)Mass Times for Christmas: St. John the Baptist, Woodford. Thur.. 24th 6pm, Fri.25th 11.15am St. Brendan's Church Looscaun. Thur 24th 8pm. Fri. 25th 10am

30th Galway Scout Group Church Gate collection this weekend. We appreciate your support.

Woodford/Looscaun Senior Citizen's Christmas Party will be held in Modena Restaurant, Portumna on this Sun 13th Dec. Mass at 1:00pm. Those wishing to attend please leave your names at Woodford or Gurteeny post offices.

Galway Hospice Christmas Cards are available for sale at the Woodford Heritage Centre.

Progressive 25 in Tommy Larkin's Clubhouse every Monday night. All welcome.

Tommy Larkins Lotto: 13-16-25-26. Winner John Donnelly . **Shragh Christmas Progressive 45 Card Game. Wed. Dec. 16th** Tables of 6 (3 x 2 Partners) 18 games. Entry €10 each. Substantial Cash Prizes & Raffle on night. Tea & Christmas Treats Doors open at 7.30pm. Starts 8pm Sharp.

East Clare Musical Society will present the hilariously funny musical "The Producers" from Thu 10th to Sun 13th Decr in the Scariff Community College hall. Doors open 7.15pm, Curtain nightly at 8pm (Thursday, Friday & Saturday). Sunday's show will be at 6.00pm again this year with Doors open at 5.15pm. Tickets are now on sale in Rodgers Centre, Scariff and Tuohys in Coose & at the Box Office. Group & advance bookings are available on our society phone: 087 43 80 782.

The East Galway Family History Society's 2016 bi-lingual calendar themed on 'school days east Galway' is now available for sale in shops in East Galway and the Heritage Centre.

Woodford Community Text Alert: It is expected that the Text Alert system will be up and running over the coming week or so. You will receive a text message to advise that the system has been activated. Please ensure that you have the **Garda Tel No 091 842870** available at all times. Please contact that phone number if you notice any suspicious activity. The Gardai will follow up on your call and if necessary the text alert system will be activated.

Woodford Community Text Alert: The Gardai are presently compiling a register of the Elderly and Vulnerable people in the Woodford area. If you would like to be included on the register Contact Forms are available at the Post Office and Kearys. Completed forms can be left at either shops or to any Committee member. The Gardai plan to visit the elderly in our community more frequently and if you or any of your neighbours might benefit from this initiative please ensure that they complete the required contact form.

St. Brendan's NS Derryoover Christmas Concert on Wed. Dec. 16th at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

A course on the Enneagram, spread over two afternoons will be conducted in Athenry on Sun 3rd Jan & Sun 10th. It is being organised by Athery Simanjoro Partnership and all proceeds will go to the provision of services in Tanzania. Fr. Benny McHale, who has vast experience of conducting Enneagram workshops, has kindly agreed to facilitate the two days. Numbers will be limited so pre-booking is essential. The venue is: Social Service Centre. Athenry Time 2 to 7 p.m (with a tea-break mid-way) each day. To book your place - phone 087 6484225 or 086 8601439

Chiropody Clinic will be attending Hayes Pharmacy Portumna on, Fri. 18th Dec for general & diabetic footcare. Contact Emma 086 1901247. Home clinic & house calls available.

For further information please contact Roy/Imelda on 087 6835561

Do you need someone to talk to? Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, **LoCall 1850 440 444. Senior Help Line is open every day of the year, including Christmas Day, from 10 am to 10 pm.** Older people call because they feel lonely and want some company in their day. Callers have financial, family and health concerns. A small number are experiencing elder abuse. Some feel depressed and need support to carry on. Senior Help Line 's trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers. So don't be alone with your problem. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. We are there.

Cura provides counselling and support after an abortion, even many years after an abortion took place, and for as long as needed. We also offer counselling and support for men and other family members. Cura counsellors are specially trained in this area and all services are free of charge, confidential, non-judgemental and are available nationwide. For more information call Cura on 1850 622 626, or visit www.cura.ie

Glór na Nollag. Candlelight Carol Concert featuring performances from: East Clare Community Choir, guest soloists, the Whitegate Parish Choir, local artists and the Whitegate National School Choirs takes place on Friday and Saturday 18th and 19th December at St Flannan's Church, Whitegate. Starts 8pm. Tickets on sale at local retailers or call: **083 8097326.**

6K FUN WALK ON ST STEPHENS DAY. Starts from Shragh Community Centre, Shragh, Woodford at 12.00 noon. Register from 11.30am. All proceeds to Galway Hospice. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome. For more info phone Mary @ 087 6152668.

Portumna & District Lions Club's annual church gate collection will take place on both Sat 19th & Sun, 20th Dec. It's busier than ever this year and if you are able to contribute in any way:

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 18th-20th December 2015 at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. or more information on the event or to

book your place, see www.youth2000.ie, or Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page **Bumper Christmas market** on Fri 18th Dec in Portumna Town Hall from 8.30am to 1pm. Festive baking and unique Christmas gifts *Sun. Dec. 13th SR 8.39am Set 4.16pm New Moon on Fri. Dec. 11th Sun. Dec. 20th SR 8.44am Set 4.18pm First Quarter on Fri. Dec. 18th at 3.14pm*