

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

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Second Sunday after Christmas (C) January 3rd 2016

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Masses this Week Tue. 7.30pm /Wed. 11am Sat. 7pm**

**Saturday January 2nd 7pm Lena O'Keeffe, Rockhill (Months Mind)

Saturday January 9th 7pm Nellie Collins, Trim Co. Meath (Months Mind)

Eucharistic Ministers: Pdraig Loughrey Pat Lyons.

Altar Society : Team 1 Geraldine O'Byrne Ann Moran Ann O'Keeffe Josephine Fahy.

Reader for Church Melanie Cooney

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

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Masses this Week Mon. 9.30am Wed. 7am & 7pm Thur. 8am Fri. 9.30am Sat. 10am Sun. 11am**

**Sunday January 3rd 11am Brendan Regan, Clonmoylan (Months Mind)

John & Mary Kate Slattery & their son Joe Slattery , Clonmoylan

Sunday January 10th 11am Ned & Joan Fahy, Drummin.

Annie & Michael Gorman, Lowertown.

Eucharistic Ministers. Angela Hanley Anne Forde.

Altar Society Betty Whelan Maura Tully.

Reader for Church Claire Goonan

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

RIP: Annie Ashby (nee Cummings) Anam Chara, Rockhill. Peter Flanagan, Middlesex, England & formally Shragh. Margaret Kelly (nee Regan) Athy Road, Monasterevin Co. Kildare & formally Flesk.

****Sunday Mass Times **Please Note** that for the next 6 months (January thru June) the Vigil Mass for Sunday will be in St. John the Baptist Church, Woodford & the Sunday Morning Mass will be in St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun. This comes into effect next w'kend as Sunday falls on January 3rd

Wednesday January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany and a holyday of Obligation. Mass will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday Evening (Vigil) and at 11am on Wed, morning in St. John the Baptist Church, Woodford Mass will be at 7am and at 7pm on Wednesday in St. Brendan's Church for the feastday.

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

Woodford/ Looscaun Christmas Lights Fundraiser on Saturday 2nd January in Walsh's Bar - Tickets €2 - please support **First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound for January** are next Friday Jan. 8th beginning in Looscaun at 10am and Woodford at 4pm. If you would like for the priest to call or know someone who would appreciate a call, please contact. Fr. Kieran on 090-9749100 or 087-2997956

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

Tommy Larkins GAA Club Lotto: 3-5-6-11. No winner. Match 3: T Gardiner, N Kelly, P Keane, C Pierce, T Moran, J McArthur, M Cooney, R Daniels. Draw this Sat. Jan 2nd in Egan's Derrybrien.

Message of Gratitude from Beaumont Hospital, Dublin: On behalf of the Transplant Unit in Beaumont Hospital I would like to acknowledge receipt of donation of €2,400 which was made by contributions in the name of Gerard Lyons R.I.P.

This was a very generous donation which is greatly appreciated by all the staff in the unit. We have just opened a new ward and it will be very beneficial to us. It was an honour to care for Ger during his lengthy illness and especially in his final days. Our thoughts are with Bridie and the extended Lyons family around Christmas time. *Message received from Monica Cunningham CNM2 Beaumont Hospital.*

Prayer Meeting in Aras Mhuire, Dominic Street, Portumna on Thur. Jan. 7th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Shragh Hall Christmas Panto is Scrooge.ie & will be in the Hall for 3 nights. Fri 1st, Sat 2nd, Sun 3rd Jan. @8pm.

Tickets: Patrice 087 6552313, Paula: 087 310 3946. Tickets €10, under 5's free.

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Christmas Priest's collection and indeed all the collections right throughout the past year and indeed over the years. Thanks to all who have helped in the life of the parish over the year, the Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, The Altar Societies, Altar Servers, Sacristan Michael McCabe, Pastoral Council, Choirs and all who have been a support to me and the work of the Church over the year. Go raibh a mile maith agat!

Parish Envelopes: The Parish Envelope Boxes for 2016 are in the process of being delivered and you should have your box by Sunday January 10th at the latest. Please note your 2016 number may be different to your 2015 number. Envelopes Boxes that have not been used for the past 3 years have not being reissued. You may use the spare envelope in the box in the meantime. If you are new to the parish and/or wish to register for a contribution box, please take a box beside the Catholic Newspapers in either Church and write your name on the first envelope you use.

Fit4life is back. Starting 10am sharp every Sat morning from the 2nd of January. Open to all ages and all fitness levels. For more information contact Martin Rourke at 086 3866786

The Annual Mummies Festival takes place in New Inn Leisure Centre on Saturday night 2nd January at 7.30 p.m. A great night of Traditional entertainment is guaranteed

Dance aerobics with Noel O Neill returns to Woodford youth club hall Monday 4th Jan at 7.30pm & to Abbey community centre Thursday 7th Jan at 7.30pm

BLESSING OF ST. DOMINIC'S WELL, ESKER 5th & 6th Jan 2016 : This will take place after a special Mass at 11.00 am on Tues 5th January. The Mass will be offered to ask God's blessing on the land, the stock, the farm implements and the homes of all our people. The well will be blessed and the water from it may be taken home to sprinkle on the land and the stock as well as the people. This blessing will be repeated on Wednesday, 6th January after the 11.00 am Mass. All are welcome. **Portumna Arts Group** would like to wish all our friends, sponsors, performers, volunteers and audiences a very Happy Christmas! And, on the 12th night as is customary, the annual **Arts Dinner** will this year take place in O'Meara's Restaurant on Jan 6th at 7.15 pm. Varied menu available for €15 (2 courses) or €20 (3 courses). With a complimentary glass of wine and lots of fun, this is an ideal way to celebrate the last day of Christmas. Booking is essential - drop your deposit of €15 to Noelle in Hayes & Hayes Pharmacy or Joan in the Credit Union. Tel: 085-1925466 **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. **Portumna College of Adult Further Education** (Old VEC) St.Brigid's Road on Wednesday 6th January 2016 from 9 am to 6 pm will be registering for courses in Healthcare Support, Horticulture, Tourism, Food Safety/HACCP, Computers, Spanish, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Adult Literacy. All courses free for unemployed, job seekers, fees for the employed. Contact: 0876258696 090 97 41946 and e-mail : michael.cunniffe@gretb.ie

Sun. Jan 3rd SR 8.47am Set 4.29pm Last Quarter on Sat. Jan. 2nd at 5.30am

Sun. Jan 10th SR

8.44am Set 4.38pm New Moon on Sun. Jan. 10th at 1.30am