

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

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The Baptism of the Lord (C) January 10th 2016 **St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.**

Masses this Week Tue. 7.30pm Sat. 7pm

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

Tuesday January 12th 7.30pm Nora & Patrick Starr, Derrygoolin.

Saturday January 16th 7pm Bridget Minogue, Coose

& her daughter in law Jackie Lee, Isle of Man.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Eames Shiela Conroy.

Altar Society : Team 2 Kitty Moroney Brid McNamara

Reader for Church Gertrude Starr.

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

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Masses this Week Mon. 9.30am Wed. 9.30am Thur. 8am Fri. 9.30am Sat. 10am Sun. 11am

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

Annie & Michael Gorman, Lowertown.

Sunday January 17th 11am Peter & Bina McNamara, Derrygill & their son Kieran.

Michael Donnellan, Derryvonlan, Powers Cross.

Mary Lyons, Shragh & her daughter Eileen Dermody, Rostullis.

Eucharistic Ministers. Brian Page Nora Flaherty.

Altar Society Eileen Whyte Mary Jo Dermody Mary Fahy.

Reader for Church Mary Fahy

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

RIP: Peter Flanagan, Middlesex, England & formally Clonoon. Vera Malherbe, mother of Ms. Paula Martin, Mercy College, Woodford. Elizabeth Killeavy, Tullamore, mother of Frances Houlihan, Abbey (former Principal Mercy College Woodford)

Second Basket Collection next weekend, Jan 16/17 for **Cura**, a charity that deals with crisis pregnancy. More details on www.cura.ie Please give what you can afford. Every little helps.

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

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

Tommy Larkins GAA Club Lotto: 9-12-15-31. No winner. Match 3: R Daniels V Larkin T Garvey J Donoghue,. Draw this Sat. Jan 9th in Gorman's Gurteeny. Jackpot is €2,600.

Parish Envelopes: The Parish Envelope Boxes for 2016 are in the process of being delivered . Thanks to all who helped in delivering them. 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 **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

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.

Meeting for Parents of First Holy Communion Children preparing for First Penance and First Eucharist this coming year on Wednesday January 13th in Woodford Youth Club Hall at 8pm

The HSE Psychology Department for Galway, Mayo and Roscommon are providing a counselling support service for members of the public who have been affected by the flooding. If you or members of your family are feeling distressed or emotionally overwhelmed as a result of the flooding, you can contact the H.S.E. Counselling Helpline for Flooding Freephone 1800 245 600 from 9.30am to 5.00pm weekdays

The ConTempo Quartet are performing a free Lunchtime Concert in the Church Gallery of the New Ballinasloe Library on Tuesday February 12th at 1pm featuring works from Schubert and Stravinsky. This follows the launch of an exhibition in the Gallery from the German Embassy to Ireland **'The Path to German Unification'** at 11.30am.

Computer Training: If you are interested in receiving computer training and gaining a QQI (formerly FETAC) Level 4 certification in Information and Communications Technology Skills please contact Monica/Clara on 090 - 9749309 for further details. Course participants will be paid a training allowance equivalent to their social welfare payments.

Fish & Chips eve in Karibas Ballinasloe on Friday Jan.15th.@ 6.30pm organized by Community Hearts to support local charities in the area & Diocese. Booking required (090)964 4830
Mindfulness Retreat Day: Saturday January 30th, 10am-4pm. Gerry Cunningham, MIAHP, the Mindfulness Clinic, Dublin, will be back to facilitate a retreat/reflection day. The day will help us to enter mindfully into the new year and offer us supports in continuing to live more mindfully. The cost for the day is €30 with deposit of €10, including light lunch. Booking at angairdin1@gmail.com or Ph.090 9741689 An Gáirdín, Portumna. **Ruth's Yoga Class** is beginning on Tuesday 12th January. The Gentle Class is from 6 - 7.15pm and costs 80euro. The Continuation class is from 7.30 – 9pm and costs 90euro. Contact Ruth at rutheganley@gmail.com or Ph. 0872434759

Progressive 25 in Tynagh Old School on Friday nights at 8.30pm sharp.

Chiropody Clinic will be attending Hayes Pharmacy, Portumna on Fri 15th and 29th January for general & diabetic footcare. Contact Emma on 086 1901247 for an appointment. Home clinic & housecalls also available.

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.

RHS Homecare is not for profit community based home care service provider, set up as a co- operative society with charitable status, we provide a wide range of top quality, affordable home care services to our clients. Driven by quality, we actively seek to respect the views, values and preferences of all our clients. If you or a family member require homecare assistance please call us on (090)6625988 or email: care@rhshomecare.ie

A 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@dillon-driving.com

Sun. Jan 10th SR 8.44am Set 4.38pm New Moon on Sun. Jan. 10th at 1.30am
8.38am Set 4.49pm First Quarter on Sat. Jan. 16th at 11.26pm

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