

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) January 24th 2016

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Masses this Week Tue. 7.30pm Fri. 7.30pm Sat. 7pm

Saturday January 23rd 7pm John & Nancy Keary, Woodford.

Desmond Page, Clonco.

Friday January 29th 7.30pm Martin Heffernan, formally Coose,

his grandmother Bridget Cooney & deceased members of their families.

Saturday January 30th 7pm Lena & John Joe Brogan, Gurteeny

& Josie & Cissie Garvey, Coose & their son Joe Garvey, Chicago.

Martin Comar, Rea.

Eucharistic Ministers: Bernie Larkin Carmel Kelly.

Altar Society : Team 4 Patricia Eames Cecila Cox..

Reader for Church Maureen Conway.

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

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

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

Sunday January 24th 11am Margaret Cavanagh, Gurteeny.

Monday January 25th 9.30am Special Intention

Wednesday January 27th 9.30am Frank Duff & deceased members of Legion of Mary.

Sunday January 31st 11am John & Lucy Donlon, Rea , Woodford

Eucharistic Ministers. Loreeto O'Grady Carmel D'Arcy

Altar Society Breda Fahy Julia Fahy..

Reader for Church Breda Whelan

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

The East Galway Family History Society at the Woodford Heritage Centre urgently need to fill vacancies on their FETAC Level 4 Information and Communications Technology Skills course in order to continue to offer training to the unemployed in the east Galway area in 2016 and beyond. Please email galwayroots@eircom.net or telephone 090 9749309 for further course information.

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.

Parish Envelopes: 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.

Bulls Eye Wood Children's Burial Ground: Woodford Parish Development in conjunction with Dr Christy Cunniffe, Archaeologist and Field Monument Advisor with Galway County Council is presently organising Community Volunteers for this project. The course will run over two nights for approximately two hours and there will be a further half day course on site. We are inviting you to get involved - if you are interested in this project please contact Anne at 087 6466164.

Woodford Parish Development: An AGM of the Development Group was held on 4th November last. Only 5 households were represented at that Meeting and in the circumstances the Committee are convening an EGM on Friday 5th Feb time and venue to be confirmed. If we are to achieve the 5 Year Plan which outlines the priorities which were proposed at our first meeting we need more participation from the Community. We look forward to your support.

Portumna Country Market will reopen on Friday 5th February at 8.30am. New season's marmalade and usual variety of bakes, crafts and home grown vegetables.

Leaving Cert French Prepare for the oral exam. Experienced teacher, also a native French speaker. Audio recordings provided so students can practise. Full details on <http://frenchoralprep.ie/> - Contact: 086 0841189

Lenten Reflection Series at The Abbey, Loughrea. Mercy: Encountering God's Patience through music, meditation and silence. Each Thur eve 11th Feb - 10th Mar. from 7pm to 8pm. All welcome.

Local Pilgrimage to Medjorge Easter 2016 7 days ex Dublin 699 euro. Also in a different Pilgrimage **Fatima for 13th May** 2016 for Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima also taking in Saint Anthony's Baptismal site Church and House in Lisbon price 665 euro Food Buses Hotels and Flights included Contact James Treacy 0860572216 or call Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159

BINGO!! Mountshannon N.S. will be holding their next Bingo night in Mountshannon Hotel on Friday the 5th February at 8.00 pm. Jackpot €500 (45 numbers). Raffle on the night. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the past couple of years. You help to improve the lives of our children within their school activities and projects and it is much appreciated.

Tynagh/Abbey-Duniry Jun B team have qualified for the Leinster Final on 7th Feb. To defray some of the costs there will be a Table Quiz in Harneys next Sat, 30th Jan at 9pm. Adult table €40 and juv table €20. A great night's entertainment is guaranteed

A position is available on a community employment scheme in the Woodford\Moyglass area contact 086 3462959 for more details

Art & Craft Classes (5 yrs up) on Sats. At 4pm & 5.30pm starting on Jan. 30th **Drawing Classes** (9yrs. Up) on Weds. At 7pm starting Jan. 27th in Brambles Art Studio, Lorrha for 6 weeks. Please contact Ute 087-9151356 or 090-9747127. Early booking advisable

Abbey Community Development Association together with Galway East Life Support are hosting a Seminar 'Saving Lives through Education, Prevention, Awareness and Support' in Abbey Community Centre, Abbey, Loughrea on Fri 29th Jan at 8 pm sharp. Guest speakers include Peter Roche, Chairman, Galway Co Co; Superintendent Gerry Roche; Mary O'Sullivan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention HSE; Tom McEvoy, Pieta House; Aidan Lonergan Chairman, GELS; David Collins, Galway Senior Hurling team Captain 2015. Open to over 16s upwards. Admission free. **ACCORD**

BALLINASLOE offers a confidential affordable and professional counselling service for marriage and relationship issues. For appointment Phone: 090 9643573 (Office Hrs: Mon-Thur 9.30am-1.30pm & Fri 9.30am-12.30pm)

MBSR – Mindfulness based stress reduction 8 week course in Esker Retreat Centre commencing Mon 25th January.

Further details from Lizzy 087 2462034 or email lizzie@redemptorists.ie

Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow Invite you to join them to celebrate the Day for Consecrated Life On Sunday 31st January at our 9.30 a.m. Mass Celebrant Fr Tom Noonan, Carmelite. All welcome Refreshments after Mass

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.

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.

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

Sun. Jan 24^h SR 8.30am Set 5.02pm Full Moon on Sun. Jan. 24th at 1.46pm Sun. Jan 31st SR
8.20am Set 5.15pm Last Quarter on Mon. Feb. 1st at 3.28am

Please support Hand in Hand Children's Cancer Charity so they can continue their important services in 2016. You can donate as little as €5 here <https://www.idonate.ie/SaveHandinHand> or by calling Jennifer on 091 483694 or 087 6600103.

Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co. Wicklow Icon Course Given by Mihai Cucu For 1 week February 22nd – 27th Beginners welcome Details: email mihaicucu78@gmail.com

A new driving school has opened in Portumna: Dillon Driving. Instructor: John Dillon A.D.I., Dip. Training & Development.. School car available to learners for driving test. Discounts & vouchers available. Phone (087) 4577201. email: info@dillon-driving.com