

Second Sunday of Lent (C) February 21st 2016

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Masses this Week Tue. 7.30pm Sat. 7pm

Saturday Feb 20th 7pm Fr. Pat Naughten PP Woodford/Looscaun 1983-2006 (2nd Anv)

Saturday Feb. 27th 7pm Irene & Raymond Keary, Woodford.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Eames Shiela Conroy.

Altar Society : Team 2 Kitty Moroney Brid McNamara.

Reader for Church Justin O'Byrne.

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

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

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

Sunday February 21st 11am John & Elizabeth Conroy, Kylesnamelly.

Monday February 22nd 9.30am Martin Mooney, Gurteeny.

Sunday February 28th 11am John & Lucy Donlon. Rea.

Tommy Page, Rossmore.

Eucharistic Ministers. Nora Flaherty Kathleen Brogan.

Altar Society Mary Flannery.

Reader for Church Mary Fahy..

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

RIP: Flann O'Reilly England & formally Co. Clare, brother of Carmel Hickey, Derrygoolin.

Fr. Hugh O'Reilly C.S.Sp. Kimmage Manor, Dublin who worked in the parish from 2001-04

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

Pastoral Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland on the upcoming **General Election** is available at all the church doors and on the Woodford/Looscaun Facebook Page.

www.facebook.com/woodf4dlooscaun

Trocaire Boxes now available at the Church Doors Please support the Trocaire Lenten Campaign.

St. Brendan's NS, Derryoober: Enrolment forms for Next Sept. are now available at the school If you wish to enrol your child please return completed application form on or before Fri 4th March.

Mission Appeal on behalf of the Society of African Missions (SMA) will be next weekend.

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Station Masses for Spring: If you would like to host a Station Mass in Woodford this Spring, please contact Fr. Kieran on 090-9749100 at your convenience. Having the opportunity to have Mass in your home with your neighbours and family has a long tradition in the parish but can only continue with everyone's help. Please contact me also if you have further questions about Station Masses or indeed any question or comment regarding Church or parish. The door is always open and any comments questions etc. most welcome.

Oesophageal Cancer Annual Church Gate collection will take place on next weekend Feb. 27th/28th

Galway for Life meeting in Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Loughrea, next Wednesday 24th at 7 pm.

Attendees will get an update on the current situation as regards the protection of unborn children and their mothers. They will also hear about the work of Galway for life, which is a branch of The Pro Life Campaign. All are welcome.

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

Woodford Parish Development are finalising the launch of a website for Woodford We are inviting Businesses/ B&B's/Clubs/Schools etc. to contact us with their details. This is an excellent opportunity to promote and support Woodford. Please email woodfordparishdevelopment@gmail.com for further information. This is a free service. **Woodford Parish Development:** Thank you to all who attended

meeting last Wednesday night. A number of initiatives will commence over the coming months. One area of concern is that the Lough Derg drive has been rerouted out of Woodford and it is vital that this is reinstated to come back via Woodford village. Please lobby local politicians who call to your home over the coming week or email them. A petition can be signed at John Kearys ,the Post Office & local businesses. Your support is requested.

Woodford Parish Development in Association with the Community Archaeological Awareness Group are finalising numbers for their course in Woodford. There will be two sessions (i) giving an introduction to archaeology and (ii) archaeology of the Slieve Aughty mountains and the results from recent fieldwork there along with the Bullseye Wood Project/Adopt a monument. To reserve your place please contact Anne at 087 6466164.

Children's Art Classes in Shragh Community Centre for 6 weeks starting on Saturday 27th February, 2016 from 10am to 12pm. Suitable for primary school children. For details or to book contact Anne Flanagan-Hickey @ (087)6236907.

Under the protection of the Most High God?? Ethical and Theological Perspectives on the 1916 Rising At Carlow College, St. Patricks, 26 Feb. from 9.30am to 5pm.: Conference to debate the significance of the 1916 Rising from ethical and theological perspectives. Keynote speaker: Francis Campbell, former ambassador to the Vatican and currently Vice-chancellor to St. Mary's University, London. Other speakers include: Tom Morrissey SJ, Eunan O'Halpin (Trinity College Dublin), Thomas McGrath (Carlow College), Pdraig O'Snodaigh, John Scally (Trinity College Dublin), Helen Maher and Sarah Otten (Carlow College). See www.carlowcollege.ie or Tel: 059 9153200.

Foyer of Light, Charity & Love 5 Day Silent Retreat: Mar 28th to Apr 3rd Cost: €380 full board Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne Venue: Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway Contact: Helen : 086 1678027, The retreats address those who search for God, or who wish to progress in their life of faith and prayer.

Major GAA & Camogie Fundraiser Play called 'The Pull' in Eyrecourt Hall on Fri Mar 4th at 7.30pm. A comedy for all ages .All support appreciated

Blake Manor Nursing Home, Ballinderreen have published a guide "Everything you've ever wanted to know about Nursing Homes but were afraid to ask..." To get this guide text your name and email address to 087 6343249

Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre is offering a number of clinics to help people set up and operate their **Smartphones and Tablets** in the Resource Centre during the week beginning Mon Feb 22nd All clinics are free to attend but people must book their place through the Resource Centre. For more information or to register for a place please feel free to call into the Family & Community Resource Centre on Bride Street, Loughrea or ring (091) 871149 or (086) 3449950

Information evening regarding the abstraction of water from the River Shannon to Dublin & the East Coast. The River Shannon Protection Alliance Lough Derg Branch has been invited by Port Omna Beo Nature & Wildlife Group to present their concerns. Thursday 25th February at 8pm in O'Meara's Restaurant Portumna. All welcome.

Davitts C.C will hold their medal presentation night for u11, u12, & u14 teams next Friday 26th Feb in Woodford Youth club hall. Proceedings will begin at 8.30pm with a disco followed by medal presentation & light refreshments."

Siopaclub, the official leisure wear shop of Tommy Larkins' GAA Club will run an order night on Sat 27th Feb in clubhouse from 6pm. For any queries contact [086-0483383](tel:086-0483383) or find us on Facebook @ facebook.com/siopaclub

St. Joseph's N.S, Woodford Enrolment forms for Sept. 2016 are now available in St. Joseph's N.S. If you wish to enrol your child please return completed application form on or before Fri 11th March.

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.

Portumna Group & Friends Lourdes Pilgrimage will be departing Jun. 21st 2016 for 5 nights. For further details please contact Dr. K Duddy at 090-9742444.

