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Third Sunday of Lent (C) February 28th 2016 **St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.**

Masses this Week Tue. 7.30pm Fri. 8pm Sat. 7pm

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

Friday March 4th 8pm Jim Davis, Dublin & formally Lowertown. (Months Mind)

Saturday Mar. 5th 7pm Christopher & Mary Hickey, Woodford & deceased members
of the Hickey and Fahy families.

Jimmy Fahy, Allendarra. (Anniv.)

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne McMahon Bernie Larkin.

Altar Society : Team 3 Wiltrude dull Mary Gorman Chris Kelly.

Reader for Church Melanie Cooney.

Altar Servers: (A) Mark Kelly Gavin O'Dowd.

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

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

Sunday February 28th 11am Tommy Page, Rossmore.

Sunday March 6th 11am Kate Kelly & deceased family members
Roger & Bridget Whelan, Rossmore.

Eucharistic Ministers. Nancy Page Loretto O'Grady. .

Altar Society Betty Whelan Maura Tully..

Reader for Church Maura Stewart.

Altar Servers: (A) Evan Flaherty Sarah Fahy Mark Leonard Louis Donlon.. .

RIP: Brendan Donnelly, Douras. Funeral Mass at 11am this Sunday in St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun.

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

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

St. Brendan's NS, Derryoobur: 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.

Mercy College Woodford: Closing date for 1st Year Enrolment 2016/17 is Fri. Mar. 4th Application forms available from school. Tel. 090-9749176 or can be downloaded from our website www.mercycollegewoodford.ie

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

First Friday Calls to the Sick and Housebound for March on Fri. 4th beginning Looscaun at 10am and Woodford at 4pm. If you would like a priest to call or know someone who does, please contact Fr. Kieran on 090-9749100.

Mission Appeal for SMA Fathers has been rescheduled for a later weekend.

As part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Clonfert Diocese will promote 24 Hours for the Lord next Friday and Saturday 4th & 5th of March. On Friday 4th it will begin at 11.00am Mass in Loughrea and will continue for 12 hours until 11.00pm. On Saturday 5th it will begin at 10.00am Mass in Ballinasloe and continue until 10.00pm. **Confessors** will be available during these times in Loughrea and Ballinasloe.

Emmanuel House of Providence: We will be having 24 hours of prayer here at Emmanuel House Friday the March 4th starting at 11am to conclude Saturday morning at 11am.

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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.

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: 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.

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

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.

Prayer Meeting in Aras Mhuire, Dominic St. Portumna on Thur. Mar. 3rd at 7.30pm

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.

Coláiste Néifinn is now enrolling for its 2016 Irish Summer course for 12 to 18yr olds which will run from July 11th-22nd in Athenry. For further information call 087 390 3994 or visit our website at www.colaisteneifinn.com

Easter Triduum at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry from Holy Thurs 24th March – Easter Sunday Morning 27th. This is three days of meditation and prayer in preparation for Easter. Contact 091 844549 or www.redemptoristsesker.ie for more details.

Loughrea Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Easter 2016 27th March also in a different pilgrimage 8th June Medjugorje 2016 also ex Dublin discount if booked early Hotel opposite St James Church. Price includes flights, buses, food and accommodation.. Also Fatima 13th May 5 days for feast of Our Lady of Fatima taking in Saint Anthony's Baptismal church and shop and font in Lisbon.
Contact James Treacy 086 0572216

Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy at Knock Shrine Knock Shrine is holding a free weekend event on March 12th and 13th to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy. 'Engaging the Heart' will feature talks, workshops, a healing and reconciliation service, music, reflection and a choral concert, all exploring the themes of hope, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Individuals and groups are welcome to come along and join the talks and workshops on one or both days. All parishes are welcome to bring a group (please register parish groups in advance). Further information from Frances at Knock Shrine, (094) 9388100, email: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie. Visit www.knockshrine.ie/mercy for the weekend programme

Tommy Larkins Lotto: 6-7-11-12 No winner. Match 3: N Burke, M Rourke, J Kenny, P Eames, E Callanan. Jackpot €3,300. Draw this Sat. 27th Mar. McCormack's Curra.

Sun. Feb.28th SR 7.24am Set 6.09pm
New Moon on Wed. Mar. 9th at 1.54am

Last quarter on Tue. Mar. 1st at 11.11pm

Sun. Mar 6th SR 7.08am Set 6.22pm