

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Easter (C) April 3rd 2016

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Masses this week Fri. 8pm Sat. 7pm

Easter Saturday Apr. 2nd 7pm Thomas & Mary Ann Conroy
& Michael Conroy, Gurteeny.
Paddy Gorman, Derryoover

Saturday Apr. 9th 7pm John Quinn, Cappa (11th Anniv.)
William Smith, Bolag (17th Anniv.)

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Lyons Patricia Eames

Altar Society : Team 2 Kitty Moroney Brid McNamara .

Reader for Church Ollie Conroy

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

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

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

Sunday April 3rd 11am Martin Kenny & deceased members of the Kenny Family.
Marie McMahon, Woodford (Months Mind)

Sunday April 10th 11am Edward & Matt O'Grady, Gurteeny.

Eucharistic Ministers. Eamon Whelan Bridie Flanagan

Altar Society Lily Forde Nora Flaherty Mary Walsh. .

Reader for Church Maura Stewart

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

RIP: John Fahy, Rathbane, Ardahan brother of Mary Conroy, Rossmore Catherine Doran (nee Sheil) Athy Co. Kildare sister of Maureen Daniels, Rockhill. Leo Elesohon, Liechtenstein & Kyleneamelly.

Priests Easter Collection was last weekend. Sincere Thanks to all who have supported the various collections over the year.

Trocaire Envelopes: Please hand them in at Mass on Sunday Apr. 4th Divine Mercy Sunday

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 Lotto: 7-17-18-26 No winner. Match 3: Jody Forde. Jackpot €3,800. Draw this Sat. 2nd Apr. in The Hill, Kylebrack.

Chiropody Clinic will be attending Hayes Pharmacy, Portumna on Fri 15th & 29th April for general & diabetic footcare. For an appointment contact Emma on 086 1901247. Homeclinic & Housecalls also available.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Emmanuel House, Clonfert on Sunday 3rd April, starting at 2pm.Holy Mass will be celebrated on the day, and confessions will be available.

Please support Kidney Donor week 2nd to 9th April Forget Me Nots will be on sale the weekend 2nd /3rd of April. Please carry a donor card and support this worthy cause.

Aughrim Macra are holding a Tractor Run in aid of Embrace Farm on April 3rd in Kilconnell.

Registration from 12pm. €10 per Tractor. All support and donations on day greatly appreciated.

Contact Kate for more info [085 7373738](tel:0857373738).

Knock Shrine is hosting a free information evening for **Parish Pastoral Councils** all about '**Leading Weekday Liturgies**' on Thursday, April 7th, at 8pm.The information evening, at Knock House Hotel, will explore the ways in which liturgies could be celebrated in parishes on weekdays when Eucharist is not celebrated and will also look at the need to enhance our celebration of our Sunday Eucharist. Parish Pastoral Councils should please register in advance. Telephone (094) 9388100 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie.

CSO - Census 2016 - taking place on 24th April 2016. Census enumerators will be calling to each household within the next few weeks delivering your Census form. They will carry ID cards. All information provided to CSO is strictly confidential.

Thanks to all who supported the Church Gate Collection for Oesophageal Cancer. €405 was raised.

Portumna Library is hosting a children's art exhibition of creations by the students of Ute Duggan "Bramble Art" from April 2nd - 16th, opening on Saturday 2nd @ 3pm. All welcome.

SHRAGH 6KM – Run/Jog/Walk on Sunday 17th April at 1pm. Starting from Shragh Community Centre. Registration 12.00pm – 12.45pm. Entry: Adults €10/Children €5. Family Discounts....

FREE entry with Sponsorship Card (Minimum €10 per card). Refreshments afterwards. All proceeds for upkeep and maintenance of Shragh Community Centre. *For Sponsorship Cards and Enquiries Phone Mary @ 087 6152668.* So get training....see you all there for a great day out...

As part of the East Galway Library Art Trail, Woodford Library is hosting an art exhibition by local artists on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm. Refreshments served. All welcome."

Portumna Enterprise Town event takes place next Fri & Sat 8 & 9th Apr.

Fri- Business & Community Expo – 5pm – 8pm (showcasing of business')

Sat – Sports & Community Expo – 11am -2pm (showcasing of sports/schools/social groups)

The event is open to the public and is free of charge. Guest speaker at the Friday event is Mairead McGuinness MEP where there will also be an Agri panel discussion Group.

Speakers at the Saturday event include: Cyril Farrell, Mickey Harte & Joe Canning.

The venue is Portumna Community School Sports Hall.

Weekend Retreat in the Burren Co Clare. 6th - 8th May. Why not come on a guided journey to the most secret and sacred places in the Burren and let the silence and beauty of this unique landscape renew in body and soul? Further information from Mary at 087 970 1130/Nóirín at 087 9459151

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sun 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential.The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wed 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage

on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518,

email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

Myhomecare are recruiting qualified Home care assistants for a home care case in the Ballinasloe area. We offer part-time working hours and competitive rates of pay – shifts available immediately. For more info please contact Lorna Flynn on (091) 762 426 or email lflynn@myhomecare.ie

Stray Dogs: There have been a number of serious incidents of dog attacks on sheep flocks in recent weeks. Dog owners are reminded to ensure their dogs are kept under effective control at all times. The dog-owner is liable for damages in cases where sheep are killed or injured. Stray dogs will be picked up by the dog warden. Farmers who are affected are asked to report all attacks to the Gardaí and the dog warden. For more info please contact Patricia Morley, Environment section, Galway County Council @ 091 509560

Ballinasloe Cancer Support Centre (A.G.M)We are pleased to cordially invite you to attend our A.G.M on Mon 4th April at our Centre on Main St. (Above John Dolan Auctioneers) @ 8pm. All Welcome - Refreshments Served.

Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead a Christian solidarity pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 9-17, 2016, on a direct flight from Dublin. It will be an opportunity to visit holy sites and walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem. It will also be an opportunity to visit the tiny Christian community in the region known as the 'living stones' of the Holy Land. €1,495 per person sharing. Details on www.maptravel.ie or call 01 878 3111

Spirit Radio: 549kHz AM (Medium Wave) and on 90-93 FM in major urban areas. A radio station with a positive sound. Reception is better in daylight hours on AM. For more information and to listen online visit the station's website. www.spiritradio.ie Now available in Athlone on 90.6FM.

Sun. Apr. 3rd SR 7.02am Set 8.13pm

New Moon on Thur. Apr. 7th at 12.24pm

Sun. Apr. 10th SR 6.45am Set 8.25pm

First Quarter on Thur. Apr. 14th at 4.59am