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Portumna Faith Community Area

Holy Mass Times: Quansboro Church.

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Aug- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Aug: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Quansboro 8pm: Michael, Kitty and Patrick Malone Killadulisk

Minister of the Word: Niamh Kilkenny

Minister of Holy Communion: Bridie Conroy Readings: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18. Jn 6:60-69.

## Next Weekend

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug-Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Aug: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quansboro 8pm:

Minister of the Word: Seamus McEvoy

Minister of Holy Communion: Teresa McEvoy

**Readings:** Deut 4:1-2, 6-8. Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27. Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

**NOTES:** 

Mass Bookings; please book all Masses with Niamh Kilkenny going forward (087 9584856).

Christenings, weddings and funerals are to be booked through Mary in Portumna Parish Office on 087 6227468 / 090 9741092.

Raheen National School is now enrolling for the school year 24/25. School contact details: 086 144 9353. Join us in the local school. Connect with us on the website raheenns.ie to view our events and activities and download the Enrolment form. Thank you.

**Fahy Church** will be closed for the month of September. Quansboro will not reopen until Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**Experience Lourdes at home!** The relics of Saint Bernadette will visit Galway Cathedral from 5th-6th September and Loughrea Cathedral from 7th-8th September. Visit <a href="www.clonfertdiocese.ie">www.clonfertdiocese.ie</a> for the full schedule of events.

In preparation for the relics there will be a 9-day novena to St. Bernadette, which will begin on the 27th of August. The purpose of this novena is to prepare our hearts and minds for the visit of the relics, seeking St. Bernadette's intercession for our personal intentions and the spiritual renewal of our Diocese. During this period, I request that the novena prayer be recited at each Mass. There will also be petition slips available which will be taken to the Cathedral for onward forwarding to Lourdes.

Burren Weekend Retreat, Co Clare 6-8 September Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the many ancient sacred sites. Further information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Des 085 161 4951.

A 2-day free event on Exploring County Galway's Ulster Heritage is taking place on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September in Woodford. Please email galwayroots@gmail.com or ring 09097 49309 for more information.

Harvesting Gratitude with Carol Barry 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght D24 KA40. For bookings please call the Dominican Retreat Centre on 01 404 8189 or email at <a href="mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com">dominicanretreats@gmail.com</a>

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage – more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion and joy. Marriage Enrichment weekend is Friday 8-10 November 2024 in Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Online Booking Only:  $\underline{www.marriageencounter.ie}$ 

ACCORD Ballinasloe are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable.

Contact 0909643573 for appointment or email accordballinasloe@gmail.com. Mental Health and Wellbeing: Upcoming community workshops running for a total of 8 weeks with the Regari Recovery College in Ballinasloe Town (Clonfert Family Centre). Starting on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov (1.30 -4.30). For more info please contact: Amanda Hunt on 087 622 1335 or email regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com. Registration fee of €5, then all Modules are free to attend. FAHY & QUANSBORO PARISH NEWSLETTER Sat/Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Aug – 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Newsletter Notices: niamhkilkenny@gmail.com or 087 9584856 by 12 noon each Thursday.