

# Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

## Portumna Faith Community Area

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### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 30th 2024

#### St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Mass Mon & Tue. 9.30am Sat. 10am Sun. 11am

Saturday June 29th 7pm Michael Slattery, Rossmore

\*\*Saturday July 6th 7pm Pat Noonan, Woodford (First Anniversary)

Altar Society: Team 3 Mary Gorman Wiltrude Duell (Month of July)

#### St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Mass Sun. 11am

Sunday June 30th 11am Mary & Johnny Ryan, Gurteeny

\*\*Sunday July 7th 11am Anne Shiel, Ballinasloe & Clonmoylean (Months Mind)

Altar Society Team 3 Eileen Whyte Mary Jo Dermody

**\*\* Please note Churches for Mass at Weekends change weekend of July 13th/14th this year.**

**Saturday Vigil Mass will be in Looscaun from Jul. 13th. Sunday Mass in Woodford from Jul. 14th**

**Church Offertory: June 23rd €492.10** Thank you for your continued support of the Parish. Thanks to all who support the various Collections including the Priests Summer Collection.

**Peter's Pence Collection** is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable activity throughout the world. Thank you for your contributions to this special collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Mass will be available on 105.0FM locally, on the Parish Facebook Page & Church Webcam**

**Link for St. John the Baptist Church Woodford** [www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist](http://www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist)

**Link for St. Brendans Church, Looscaun** [www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans](http://www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans)

**Email Address for the Parish Newsletter.** Please direct Notices you wish to publish in the Parish Newsletter to this new email address [woodfordlooscaunnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:woodfordlooscaunnewsletter@gmail.com)

#### Dates to Note Cemetery Masses

**Friday June 28th, Douras. Friday July 5th Gortaganna Friday September 6th Woodford Mass will be at 8pm (7pm in September)**

**RIP:** . Andrew (Andy) Connaughton, Knockcroghery Co. Roscommon, brother of Bridie Lyons, Shragh. Maeve Gunning(nee Burke) , Moyglass

**The Members of New Pastoral Parish Council 2024-28;** Chairperson; Maura Cooney. Secretary; Bernadette Gorman James Egan, Laura Leonard, Teresa Ryan, Liam Smith, Declan Stewart, Maura Stewart, Mary Walsh, Fr. Kieran O'Rourke

**The Members of New Parish Finance Committee 2024-28** Chairperson Patricia Eames, Secretary Bernadette Gorman, Mona Madden, Fr. Kieran O'Rourke

**Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** takes place from August 7th -12th departing from Shannon airport. Further enquiries from Society Travel 090 9645350

**Considering a Postgraduate study programme?** Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Chaplaincy, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses). Applications close soon.

**First Friday Calls** will be on Friday July 12th. If you would like a call please contact Fr. Kieran on 090-9749100

**Tommie Larkins Lotto results** for the 23rd of June 2024 - 2,6,25,29 - No Jackpot Winner, Match 3 Winner: Mary Kelly. This week's lotto jackpot is €4700. Buy tickets online or in local shops/pubs.

**Tommie Larkins Annual Cúl Camp** is taking place from the 8th-12th July. Booking can be made via the following link:

<https://www.kelloggsdulcamps.gaa.ie/booking/?county=Galway&venue=471&week=3>

**The Youth 2000 Summer Festival** takes place on August 15 - 18th in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare - save the date! Join us for a weekend of festivities: talks, testimonies praise & worship, and workshops. Donation Only. Check out [Youth2000.ie](http://Youth2000.ie) for more information.

**Rosary For Peace:** The Abbey Church Rosary Group welcomes everyone to pray a Special Rosary for Peace on Sunday June 30th @ 8 pm in the Church of the Assumption, Abbey. The devastation of war and its effects on the lives of innocent children and civilians continues in so many places in the world. Let us come together as a community to pray for some resolution to end the grim atrocities. The Rosary will also be broadcast on Radio 106.5 FM.

**Woodford Library 2024 Summer Stars Reading Challenge:** In Woodford Library over the summer months for children of all ages. For more information and to register Tel:090-9749887"

**Davitts 50/50 draw.:** Congratulations to Mary Farrell , Duniry, winner of €550 in last weeks draw. Next draw takes place on Monday 8th July. Tickets available in local shops/pubs or online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts\\_Camogie\\_Club/TicketSales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales) ". Thanks for your continued support

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2024** – Theme 'Do not cast me off in my old age' Sunday 28 th July 2024, in Knock Shrine, Principal Celebrant Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor Papal Nuncio of Ireland

**Providing compassionate care at the end of life** To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video Through the Valley, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes and to watch Through the Valley, visit the following link: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

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**VAKS is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th and 6th year** to come to Knock Shrine to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to reach out to Mairead Jennings at 094 937 5321 or your local parish priest

**Church Envelopes for 2024 are now available in the Churches, Woodford Envelopes in Woodford and Looscaun Envelopes in Looscaun. Thanks to all who have supported the various Church Collections this past year. It is very much appreciated.**

**St Vincent de Paul, Portumna recruitment** Do you want to help people in your Community? You know the issues in your Community and by offering a little help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Do you have approx 1-2 hours available weekly? If so, please apply by sending a text or WhatsApp with your name, address & contact details to SVP phone no: 087 3650922 and we will advise you of recruitment process For further information on the work of SVP, visit [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.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 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail [ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net)

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG** is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**SHRAGH 6KM – Run/Jog/Walk on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.** Starting from Shragh Community Centre at 11am. Registration 10 – 10.45am. Entry: Adults €10/Children €5. Family Discounts. Refreshments afterwards. All proceeds for upkeep and maintenance of Shragh Community Centre. For more info phone/text Mary @ 087 6152668 All are welcome

**DATES OF PASSOVER AND EASTER** At the Council of Nicaea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. Sunday, 31 March 2024 is the feast of Easter. Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian Calendar, the Calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. One of the reforms was the removal of ten days from the Calendar and this discrepancy, now thirteen days, between the Julian and Gregorian Calendars results often in a difference in the date for Easter in East and West as they follow the two Calendars. This happens in 2024 when the date of Easter for Eastern Christians is Sunday, 5 May. The feast of Passover is a seven day feast, beginning at sundown on the evening of 22 April 2024 (14 Nisan 5784).

**Davitts 50/50 draw.:** Congratulations to Eileen Whyte, Woodford, winner of €600 in last weeks draw. Next draw takes place on Monday 19th February. Tickets available available in local shops/pubs or online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts\\_Camogie\\_Club/TicketSales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales) . Thanks for your continued support **St Vincent de Paul, Portumna recruitment**

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and we will advise you of recruitment process

For further information on the work of SVP look online at [SVP.ie](http://SVP.ie)

**Join the Galway 40 days for Life Lenten campaign** to witness peacefully and to pray publicly, on Saturdays during Lent, outside UHG for a return to the Gospel of Life. 40 days for Life is the world's largest grassroots moment to end Abortion. To join : contact 083 423 1791.

**Loving Father! You are the source of all that is: our beginning and our end .Pour out your Spirit upon us. Form in us the mind of Christ.Give us a greater appreciation for the precious gift of life. Renew in us a commitment to building a community where every human life is welcomed and valued from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Draw near to those who are sick or dying. Help those who love them and care for them. Bless us now and at the hour of our death. Amen Our Lady of Clonfert! Pray for us!**

**New Church Webcams.** New Church webcams are now operational in both St. John the Baptist Church, Woodford and St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun. This is thanks to a most generous donation to the Parish to install webcams. This and your continued financial support of the Parish has enabled them to be installed and funded for the coming year. Thank you for that generous support

vening social. To view the full programme and to register visit [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) or search 'Evangelium Ireland'

**Davitts 50/50 draw:** Congratulations to Christina Gantley, Killeen, winner of €575 in last weeks draw. Next draw is our Christmas draw & takes place on Monday 5th February. available in local shops/pubs or online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts Camogie Club/TicketSales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales) ". Thanks for your continued support

**How to view the Church Webcam** on your Laptop, Desktop, Tablet or Mobile Phone. Type in [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv). Once on the site click in 'Search for your Church' and type in Looscaun or Woodford. Then click on the picture of the Church either Looscaun or Woodford to take you to the webcam for either St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun or St. John the Baptist Church, Woodford. You can also link directly to either webcam by typing in [www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans](http://www.churchmedia.tv/stbrendans) for the Looscaun Church webcam or [www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist](http://www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist) for the Woodford Church Webcam. You can still watch Mass and Scheduled Church Services via the Woodford/Looscaun Parish Facebook Page which is now linked to the Church webcam. [www.facebook.com/woodf4dlooscaun](http://www.facebook.com/woodf4dlooscaun) is the link to the Woodford/Looscaun Parish Facebook Page.

***Tús community work placement scheme:***

***Galway Rural Development have a number of vacancies in the Woodford Area and also the surrounding areas of Abbey, Duniry and Tynagh***

***If you are in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (Means tested payment) or a Disability Allowance (DA) payment for a minimum of 12 months, interested in developing new skills and re-joining the work force for 19.5 hours per week, we can help.***

***In Woodford Development Group we have a Tús vacancy for a Maintenance/Caretaker Person.***

***Please contact the Tús Supervisor ~ Karen Connolly on 087 6903463 for more information.***

***Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25 th Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday April 6 th 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626***

***Celebration of the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and ,Confirmation 2024***

We remember in our prayers those who are beginning to prepare for the celebration of the important Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and this year. We also remember their families, sponsors, teachers and our entire parish community who will journey with them.

***New Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees*** At the moment parishes throughout the Diocese of Clonfert are reconstituting their Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees. These bodies are living examples of the synodal working together of the priest and people for the good of the whole parish. Training for members will take place in the New Year along with a formal commissioning before Easter. For more information visit [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

***Meals4Health - Galway – Delivers Fresh Delicious Affordable Meals*** to your door. Suited to the dietary requirements of the older person. Phone 091354000 for more information or visit [www.meals4health.ie](http://www.meals4health.ie) Special and modified dietary requirements catered for also. Nationwide delivery available.