

Woodford/Looscaun Parish Newsletter

Portumna Faith Community Area

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 21st 2025

St John the Baptist Church, Woodford.

Tue.. 7pm Wed. 12.15pm Thur. 9.30am Fri 9.30am Sun. 11am

Sunday Sept. 21st 11am Marian Moylan,

& deceased members of the Comar Family, Woodford.

Tom McNamara, Woodview & his parents James & Mary, Cappa.

Patrick & Mary Cooney, Rea & their son Bernard.

Tue. Sept. 23rd 7pm Katie & Willie Joe Larkin Cothill Woodford

Wed. Sept. 24th 12.15pm Mass for Mercy Day with Mercy College, Woodford

Sunday Sept. 28th 11am Paul (7th Anv) & Maureen Page, Woodford

& their daughter Olive & DFM

Kathleen & James McMahon.

Altar Society: Maura Cooney Jacki Hickey (Sept)

St. Brendan's Church, Looscaun

Mon. 7pm Sat. 7pm

Saturday Sept. 20th 7pm Patrick Whyte, Delia Whyte & Paddy Gildea, Kyleneamelly.

Mon. Sept. 22nd 7pm John & Shilea Stewart & Philomena Stewart (1st Anv)

Saturday Sept. 27th 7pm Deceased Members of the Conroy Family, Rostullis.

Altar Society Team 3

Offertory: Sat/ Sun 6th/7th €928.70 Thanks for your continued support Please Note Envelope Boxes for 2025 are available in both Churches

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

Link for St. John the Baptist Church Woodford www.churchmedia.tv/stjohnbaptist

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Final call: RCIA 2025/26 – For adults seeking baptism, confirmation, or full communion with the Church. Journey begins this autumn. Contact your parish or email rcia@anghailil.ie.

Abide in His Love Women's Conference happening for a second year – November 21-23 A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty and gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Check out Eventbrite link for tickets and more information - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abide-in-his-love-womens-conference-2025-tickets-1283997654549?aff=ebdssbcategorybrowse>

'Exploring God's Desire For Us & Our Desire For God', a retreat-style experience with Fr. Stephen Cummins OP, Fri. 26 th & Sat. 27 th Sept. See www.creideamh.ie/retreat. Early booking advised.

The Cistercian Community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19–40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations Weekend 24th-27th October 2025

Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at vocations@glencairnabbey.org. Visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details.

The Woodford Heritage Centre is hosting their annual fundraising event as part of the national Hospice Coffee Day on Thursday 25th September 2025 from 9 30am to 4pm, H62 HP57. Last year the Centre raised €1,155 in total from the Coffee Day, sales of Christmas cards & Calendars and the Knitted Crib Raffle. Thank you to all who supported these fundraising activities.

Introducing Pope Leo XIV: His life, his ministry and how he will respond to the challenges and opportunities facing the Church. Speaker Michael Kell, author of Pope Leo XIV at the Service of Humanity. Tuesday September 23 at 8pm, Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Free admission, info@ionainstitute.ie or phone 01 6619 204.

Tommie Larkins Lotto results for the 15th of September 2025 - 12,17,18,29.

No Jackpot winner. Match 3 Winner: Margaret Dervan, Noleen Page, Jodie, Donie & Bert. This week's lotto jackpot is € 4000. Buy tickets online or in local shops/pubs.

PILATES - 8 week course will commence at **Shragh Community Centre on Thursday, 25th September** (6.20pm – 7.20pm) A full body workout that helps strengthen and tone. Focusing on your posture and breathing. For both Men & Women. All levels of ability welcome to join the class. For more info or to register contact Mary 087 6152668 or Eilish 087 7416724

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue, which is in St. Brendan's Church in Looscaun is available to anyone that would like to have the statue in their home. Please contact Mary on 086-6685917

Davitts CC will hold a celebration of their county final winning teams of 1995, 1999, 2003-2005 in The Cross Bar Duniry on Saturday 27th September. This will be held in conjunction with the club's fundraising climb of Moylussa, Co Clare earlier that day. All are welcome on the night to join in the fun!

Killimor 5k /10k walk in aid of Galway Hospice takes place on Sunday 28th September @2pm. Registration on day of walk from 12pm to 1 45 pm. Refreshments after a walk in St Joseph's centre. Sponsorship cards available at Concannons Killinor. Enquiries phone Mary 0879943120.

Bridge Lessons for beginners begin Friday, the 26th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Portumna. Further details from Kaye: 0872891580. or Pat: 0862471773.

Like to join a Walking Club? Greylake Ramblers, your Loughrea based club is now open for renewal of present and recruitment of new members. Join the 80 plus members who regularly ramble/hike the Slieve Aughtys, the Burren, Connemara and terrain in counties Clare, Offaly, Laois and more. See website: greylakeramblers.wordpress.com OR email your details to greylakeramblers@gmail.com

Membership closes: 31 October Open to adults, only.

If you are 65 or older and would like to apply for a personal alarm, under the Seniors Alert Scheme Grant, for your safety and peace of mind, please call Galway Contact at 091 867892 or email galwaycontact@gmail.com

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-mailaccordballinasloe@gmail.com



HopeSpace CLG provides a free one-to-one listening service for children and young people (4-17 years old) who are impacted by grief caused by bereavement. See hopespace.ie, contact Áine at support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details.

The Legion Of Mary Meetings takes place each Wednesday evening @8pm
In St . Brendan's Church Looscaun Sacristy. New members would be welcome.
Please contact. Mary on 086-6685917 for further details

The Ordinary Jubilee Year takes place every twenty five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, have been dedicated as special places of pilgrimage where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained.
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and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years. Bryan's talk will focus on what lies ahead for parents who have experienced the loss of a child, how we can face the challenges ahead, and what can help us to move forward.

AGM for Shragh Community Centre will be held on **Tuesday 17th June @ 8.30pm** at the Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity to voice your thoughts and ideas and be an active part of our community group. So please come along.....All are welcome.

Tea dance in aid of Galway hospice in Treacy's Killimor on Saturday 21st June. Music by Tommy Flaherty and Francis Fahy. Admission €10. Refreshments served.

A Prayer for Exam Time

Lord, Be with me in this moment.

Calm my thoughts, steady my breath.

Help me to recall what I've learned,

To think clearly, To stay focused.

Give me the peace to face what's ahead,

The confidence to try, And the grace to accept whatever comes.

Let my work be honest.

Let my effort be enough. Amen

Amen.

Jubilee Year of Hope – Pilgrims of Hope 2025

Loving Father, we come before you,
in this Jubilee Year. Our hearts are full of longing.
Now is the time to lay the past to rest. Today is the day for a new beginning.
Breathe on us Spirit of God. Inspire us. Strengthen us.
Help us to follow ever more closely the example of Jesus, your Son.
Help us to love you with all our heart. Help us to care for one another.
In a world upset by war and discord, we beg for the gift of lasting peace.
With Mother Mary by our side, may we journey together
as pilgrims of hope on the road of life.
We ask this of you, O loving Father, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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looking for compassionate individuals and families to provide care and support. If you feel called to foster or would like to learn more, visit www.originsfostercare.ie or contact us at eithne@originsfostercare.ie or 087 0529749. Every child deserves a home—could yours be the one?

WPD: Woodford Looscaun History Project Fieldnames/Place Names Update.

We are delighted to let you know that we have had a number of get togethers with community members from Lowertown, Allendarra East and West, Upperforge, Rossmore, Shragh, Clonmoylan and Clonoon. As all the data has to be input on the night we have limited our meetings to 2/3 people from each area. We will be revisiting all those areas again later in the year and would appreciate any help you can give us in providing us with place names/field names/ wells, mass paths, burial grounds etc. We hope to showcase some of this historical collection of work later this year. In the meantime we will continue to work on the project visiting other areas in the Woodford/Looscaun Parish and if you have any information of historical interest relating to your area please contact Angela on 086 8513031 or Geert 086 2118315.

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Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 30th April to Wednesday 7th May. Spiritual Director Fr Oliver Devine Group Leader Amy Guinan Fully inclusive 845 euro . Phone 0876552453

Friary in Moyross - Calling for Help! We're reaching out to see if anyone can assist or knows someone who can. The priests at the Friary in Moyross, Limerick, are looking to build a small extension (10 x 10ft) on their hermitage. This will be a timber extension attached to an existing timber structure. Here's how you can help: We are seeking carpenters or joiners who might volunteer a few days of their time to help with the construction. The Friary will provide accommodation for the few days it takes to build. All materials and supplies are generously being donated!
Key Details: Start Date: Wednesday, 2nd April Completion Date: Aiming for 1st May, in time for the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Fr. Bernardino via text on WhatsApp at 085 1160484 or by phone at 085 1439266.

Derryoobar Parents Association Fundraiser presents "Beat the Millions" starting February 7th Pick five numbers from 1-50. Chosen numbers matched against Friday nights Euromillions main Draw (lucky Stars excluded). Matched numbers are crossed off. Game continues weekly until a player matches all five numbers, winning player splits the pot. Payment is €2 weekly to stay in the game Contact Geraldine Keon 0861699818/Joe Duane 0876313204 by text or WhatsApp with your chosen numbers or for more info. Payment by cash or revolut no later than 4pm on a Friday. .

Use of Churches Churches are consecrated spaces. Their walls and altar have been anointed with the sacred Oil of Chrism. They have been set apart and dedicated solely for prayer, worship, the celebration of the sacraments and sacred rituals along with the safekeeping of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus among us. They are sacred spaces unlike any other. They stand as a unique reminder that God is with us and walks with us on the journey of life. In order to safeguard and emphasise the sacredness of our church buildings, Universal Church Norms and Clonfert Diocesan Norms do not permit churches to be used for: Non-religious concerts, performances or exhibitions

Non-religious talks, seminars, social gatherings or functions The serving of food or beverages. Wakes or the reposing of the dead.

The Diocese of Clonfert is open to working with Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees to facilitate the use or improvement of parish halls or other parish owned buildings to accommodate non religious activities or to discuss the de - consecration of churches surplus to current requirements so that they might be used for other than religious purposes.

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Tommy Larkins GAA Club are proud to be participants in the upcoming Ireland Lights Up initiative. The hugely popular "Ireland Lights Up" returns with a group session on Monday January 13th at 6:15pm and every Monday for six weeks at Tommy Larkins GAA Pitch.

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Walk, Stroll or Jog. If you can't join us on the Mondays our track lights are on seven evenings a week for all to use, so no excuses and all are welcome.

You are invited to join in praying for Peace and Hope for our families, community and for our world at this time.

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