

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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- Saturday 16th. **Vigil Mass at 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Jimmy O'Dea, Mounthazel (3rd. Anniv)
Michael John Kilgannon, Monaveen (4th. Anniv)
Michael and Mary Noone, Carhoon (24th. & 26th. Anniv)
Ellen and Richard O'Brien, Gortbrack (Anniv)
- Monday 18th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Tuesday 19th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Wednesday 20th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Thursday 21st. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 22nd. **Mass at 9am.**
- Saturday 23rd. **Vigil Mass at 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Gerard and Emily Hynes, Carana (21st. and 22nd. Anniv)
Tommy and Josie Kitt, Clongowna (Anniv)
The Groden family, Whitepark. (Anniv)
Mike Gonley, Whitepark (5th. Anniv)
Gerry, Nora, Johnny, and Mary Gonley, Whitepark and the
deceased members of the Gonley, Higgins and Leech families.

R.I.P: Your prayers are requested for Mary O'Brien (nee Costello) late of Liscuib, who died recently in the USA., also for Mrs. Christina Owens, Menlough, Sister of the late Mrs Margaret Kelly, Clongowna, Ballymacward, and for Robert "Bob" Griffen, England, brother of the late Michael Griffen, Gurteen, who died in the past week.

Dear Parishioners

Level 5 restrictions are imposed until January 31st in a bid to contain the spread of Covid-19. A 5km limit on travel has been reimposed and house visits are also restricted unless people are providing care. Only six guests are allowed at weddings and 10 mourners permitted at funerals. These are serious restraints on all our freedoms but they are introduced for everyone's safety. This is a frightening and difficult time for many people and I do want to let people know that I will call to any home at any time if you need me. We continue to pray for those in hospital and in nursing homes; for frontline workers; for all who feel isolated at this time and for each other. Please do not hesitate to phone me. Fr. Sweeney. (Mob. 086 3868169 or 0909687614)

Mountbellew District Development CES Ltd. Job Vacancies: Clerical/Administrator
Duties include: Maintaining accounts/Payroll both manual and computerised filing and maintaining all files.

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Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 17th. **Mass at 11am. SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**
Mass for the People of the Parish.

Friday 22nd. **Mass at 8pm.**

Sunday 24th. **Mass at 11am. THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**
Sabina and Martin Ruane, Corskeagh (12th. and 51st. Anniv) and
the deceased members of the Ruane family.
Paddy Griffin, Sheeaun (42nd. Anniv)

COLLECTIONS; BALLYMAC. 0/0/2021 GURTEEN. 0/0/2021

Count Next Week.

Re: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18 -25, 2021

‘Even as nations continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, final preparations are under way for one of the world’s largest annual prayer observances, traditionally celebrated 18-25 January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity involves Christian communities from many traditions and all parts of the globe. At a time when public health concerns put a limit on physical gatherings, it provides an opportunity for churches to come together by means of a typically Christian practice that long predates modern transport: prayer.’

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been jointly organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity of the Roman Catholic Church since 1968. In the southern hemisphere, where January is a vacation time, churches often find other days to celebrate it, for example around Pentecost, also a symbolic date for unity.

“Prayer often involves a kind of self-isolation, focussing our minds and hearts on the love of Christ; but when we pray for unity, we enter into closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ.” Further resources available at: www.oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer.

CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY: Due to the fact that there was no Public Mass in the cemetery in the past year, there was No Collection taken up for the upkeep of the Cemetery. The Committee have left envelopes at the Church entrances, and you are encouraged to take one if you are a plot holder in the Cemetery. You can return them with you donation to either **MICHAEL ROCHE, or **LIAM GRADY**. Funds are urgently required at this time, all contributions would be gratefully received.**

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11th. JANUARY. WINNING No.'s 4,8,17,25- No Winner. & 1 MATCH 3.

CARMEL ADAMS. NEXT WEEK’S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 18th.

JANUARY FOR A JACKPOT OF €10,700 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Why not play for the New Year, all you need do is log on to <https://smartlotto.ie/padraig-pearse-gaa> all details and instructions are there. If your not in, you can’t win. Good luck to all.

A.G.M. Online January 22nd. More Info. at shorturl.at/dsFU1