

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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- Saturday 20th. **Vigil Mass at 7pm. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Mary O'Dea, Mounthazel (2nd. Anniv)
Mary Kelly (Nee O'Dea) New Inn (10th. Anniv)
Mary, Winifred and Michael Loughnane, Mounthazel
(2nd. 21st. and 44th. Anniv)
- Monday 22nd. **Mass at 9am.** Peter and Triona Lally, Killuane (25th. and 24th. Anniv)
- Tuesday 23rd. **Mass at 9am.** Mary Grady (52nd. Anniv)
- Wednesday 24th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Thursday 25th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 26th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 26th. **Mass at 7pm.** Michael (Bobby) Fahy, Glentane (3rd. Anniv)
Bro. Brendan Fahy, and Ursula Fahy, Glentane (4th. Anniv) and
the deceased members of the Fahy family.
- Saturday 27th. **Vigil Mass at 7pm. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.**
The deceased members of the Ward family, Alloon.
Michael and Mary Ellen Cooke, Keave (Anniv)
Patsy Keane (Nee Cooke) (Anniv).
John and Margaret Tannian, Ballinastack (Anniv)

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Pdraig Glynn, Ballygreaney, who died during the week.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

THERE WAS NO COUNT DONE THIS WEEK, FIGURES WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

Keeping Connected

Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow on Clonfert Diocese Twitter.

"We are with you"

The Diocese of Clonfert has launched "We are with you": a prayer initiative for the deceased and their families in these difficult times. See www.clonfertdioocese.ie

LOUGH DERG

Sunday 21st March RTE Studio Broadcast Mass at 11am will be celebrated by Msgr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg along with the Lough Derg Pastoral and Music teams. The Mass will be offered for the Lough Derg pilgrim family near and far. Tune into RTE 1 Television or RTE Radio 1 Extra.

Unemployed due to accident or illness and would like to improve your computer skills to help you return to work? Enrolling now for our free computer course that combines home-based and centre based learning. Call Kevin for further information on 091-773557 or 086 0432801

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Mass for the People of the Parish.

Friday 26th. Mass at **8pm**.

Sunday 28th. Mass at **11am**. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

With the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we near the end of our Lenten Pilgrimage and begin to focus on the celebration of Holy Week. This is a Sunday to take stock of how we have progressed over the weeks with the task of personal and spiritual renewal. It is also a time to begin to think about how we will grasp the opportunity that this year's Holy Week brings to further that process by walking with Jesus through his passion, death and resurrection. The Scriptures today portray Jesus on the cusp of the most challenging but also the greatest moment of his life of love. They challenge us to ask ourselves what will be my legacy in life?

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 15th. MARCH. WINNING No.'s 4,14,19,22 - NO Winner & 2 MATCH 3s. M. BARRETT & G. CUNNIFEE, NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 22nd. MARCH FOR A JACKPOT OF **€2,300** IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/30J9HcT

BINGO:

Following the success of the St. Patricks night Bingo, the Club is running a Second online Bingo this Sunday evening @ **8PM. SHARP**. You can register for the game @ <http://bit.ly/PearsesBingo>. Alternatively there will be a limited number of printed tickets available on Sunday morning as follows:

10am - 11am MITCHELL'S GURTEEN.

11am - 12pm CLUBHOUSE IN BALLYMACWARD.

Important Notice :

An Post – Nursing/Care Homes – Freepost - Recognising the increased restrictions in nursing homes across the country and to bring a little joy, An Post will ensure free delivery of all card and letter mail posted to and from residents of Nursing and Care homes in the State until March 31st 2021. By writing FREEPOST where the stamp would normally be affixed, An Post will carry cards, letters large envelopes and packets weighing up to 2KG without a postage stamp. An Post customers can send these items through the Post Office network and post boxes across Ireland.

Diocesan Lenten Prayer Guide Now Available

A specially prepared diocesan prayer guide is now available at www.clonfertdicoese.ie to assist you and your family in making Lent 2021 a spiritually enriching experience.

Covid- 19 Restrictions on Public Worship – Message from Irish Bishops

“We strongly believe that people’s freedom to worship publicly should be restored as soon as the current Level 5 restrictions begin to be eased. It is particularly painful for Christians to be deprived, for the second year running, of the public expression of our faith during the most sacred time of Holy Week and Easter. This is especially true given that it has been clearly demonstrated that church buildings are among the safest places for people to gather. We also re-emphasise that the ongoing severe restrictions on attendance at Funeral Masses (currently limited to ten) are causing untold grief to many families.” For the full statement:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/03/09/bishops-statement-on-the-covid-19-restrictions-in-republic-of-ireland/>

Televised Mass or Mass via Webcam

Weekday Mass: Broadcast by webcam every day from St Brendan’s Cathedral Loughrea at 11am and 8pm and on RTE news now at 10.30am

Sunday Mass: Mass is available every Saturday evening at 8pm and Sunday at 10am and 12 noon from Loughrea Cathedral via webcam at www.loughreacathedral.ie

Renewing Our Commitment to Promoting the Dignity of Human Life

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!

Prayer to Our Lady of Clonfert in a Time of Pandemic

Loving Mother!

I come before your image as Lady of Clonfert.

Although broken by life,

it is still full of tenderness and compassion.

The pandemic continues to bring death and sickness.

It has disrupted so many lives and threatened so many livelihoods.

At this time of need we turn to you O loving Mother!

You know what it is to suffer.

You know what it is to worry.

You know what the death of a loved one is like.

**We bring before you all those who are sick,
those who worry about the health of loved ones and
those who are anxious about their own health too.**

**We bring before you those who have died
and those who mourn their loss.**

**We ask you to protect our doctors, nurses
and those who work in our hospitals.**

**Protect all those whose work in these days means that
we can have food, safety and shelter.**

Protect our priests and all those who minister in God's name.

Be with our leaders that they may make wise decisions.

Help our medical experts and our scientists.

Give us a generous spirit to help others.

Protect our families.

**Pray for us that this time may be a time of new priorities
and personal renewal.**

O Mary! Our Mother!

**Before this image of your tender vulnerability,
I ask for your help this day and always. Amen**

Our Lady of Clonfert. Pray for us!