

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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- Saturday 27th. **Vigil Mass at 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Paddy Grodan, Liscune (Months Mind)
Gerry and Eileen Murray, Tullamore (Recently deceased)
(Gerry late of Highpark)
Martin Crehan, Mounthazel (6th. Anniv)
Johnny, Theresa and Cian Byrnes, Esker (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Byrnes family.
- Monday 1st. **Mass at 9am.** Special Intention.
- Tuesday 2nd. **Mass at 9am.**
- Wednesday 3rd. **Mass at 9am.**
- Thursday 4th. **Mass at 9am.**
- Friday 5th. **Mass at 9am.** Michael Connell, Liscuib (14th. Anniv)
- Friday 5th. **Mass at 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**
Mary Costello, U.S.A., (formerly from Liscuib) Recently Deceased.
Also remember James, Michael, John and Eddie Costello, U.S.A./Liscuib.
- Saturday 6th. **Vigil Mass at 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Sean Quinn, Killconnell (Anniv)
Oliver, Paddy and John Byrnes, Attyregan, (Anniv)
Winifred and John Daly (Anniv)

READER FOR MARCH: GERRY KENNY.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

COUNT FOR MONIES RECEIVED FROM the 21/01/2021 to 25/02/2021

BALLYMACWARD.

Envelopes.	€1,773.50
Priests Easter	€ .00
Priests Summer	€ .00
Priests Autumn	€ 30.00
Priests Christmas	€ 200.00
Holy Days.	€ 79.00
Missions.	€ 5.00
All Souls	€ 10.00
Christmas Day	€ 32.00
Donations	€ 50.00
Shrines	€ 496.41
Popes	€ 5.00
Lenten	€ 110.00
Emigrants	€ 10.00
Lourdes	€ 85.00
Holy Places	€ 10.00

GURTEEN.

Weekly Envelopes	€1,075.12
Priests Easter	€ 28.40
Priests Summer	€ 25.00
Priests Autumn	€ 95.00
Priests Christmas	€ 135.00
Holy Days	€ 28.00
Missions.	€ .00
All Souls	€ 5.00
Christmas Day	€ 29.00
Donations	€ 20.00
Shrines	€ 175.47
Popes	€ 10.00
Lenten	€ 55.00
Emigrants	€ 4.75
Lourdes	€ 80.00
Holy Places	€ 5.00

Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 28th. Mass at **11am**. **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Mass for the people of the Parish.

Friday 5th. Mass at **8pm**. **FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**
Mrs. Maureen Clancy, Colemanstown (1st. Anniv)

Sunday 7th. Mass at **11am**. **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.**
Mackie Forde, (Recently Deceased).
Kitty Broderick (Anniv) and the deceased members of the
Broderick Family.

KEEPING CONNECTED:

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

NOTE: During Lent there will be morning Mass at 09.00am Mon – Fri. in Ballymacward Church, these Masses will be available on both the Parish Radio, and on the Parish Website. Trocaire boxes are available at the church entrances, please take one home. They will be taken up at Easter.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 25th. FEBRUARY. WINNING No.'s 3,10,17,24 - 1 Winner & 3 MATCH 3s.

PADDY RAFTERY, SARAH FLANNERY AND EILEEN GRADY. The winners of the €11,200

Jackpot were JULIA & MARTIN QUALTER, ATTYMON. Congrats to them, hope they enjoy their winnings, its back to the drawing board for the rest of us, keep playing, next time it just might be you. **NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 1st.**

MARCH FOR A JACKPOT OF €2,000 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/30J9HcT

COMMUNITY ALERT:

A new Community Alert Scheme is now available for the locality, the local co-ordinator is Michael Roche.

The scheme is run by SENDMODE COMMUNITY ALERTS (01) 685 4913, and includes. GARDA VETTED ALERTS, GENERAL COMMUNITY ALERTS, COMMUNITY TEXT ALERTS.

For more information, or to get involved, or to be included, contact MICHAEL his contact details are (087)222 6778 or email roche.farm@icloud.com

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said it is wonderful for us to be here; so, let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain, he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

Who was transfigured? Was it Christ? Or was it the disciples? The disciples were stunned by what they saw, shocked and changed by what they recognised. It was a revelation, a realization that the one they were following was someone special – they saw him in a different way – he had an aura that they associated with the prophets! Christ was transfigured and so were they. It all happened and it was over in a moment of realization, - that there was more to this man they were following, their opinion of him changed and they too were changed.

Many people have moments of grace in their lives, moments of deep faith, moments of insight, that there is more to themselves than they ever realised. Yes, we all live very human lives, even mundane lives but there are moments when we are touched to realise there is more than we know or than we even feel. Some people experience it at the birth of a child; others when they are confronted and surprised by the beauty of nature, others when they see the goodness of other people – children and adults – who go out of themselves to help others, especially in this time of pandemic. Others see it in the face of someone praying, knowing that there is a Higher Power, listening and holding them and we are all transfigured.

Fridays of Lent

Traditionally, during the Fridays of Lent we turn our thoughts towards that first Good Friday and the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross at Calvary.

The Fridays of Lent have been considered important days for additional fasting (doing with less) and abstinence (doing without, eg. meat). Through such sacrifices, we become more aware of our calling as Christians to imitate Jesus who did not stop loving even if it meant that he had to pay the ultimate price with his death on the cross. The Fridays of Lent are also important days for added prayers and good works.

Stations of the Cross

When we pray the Stations of the Cross, we walk with Jesus through the most significant moments of his passion. Traditionally there are fourteen stations. Although, the Scriptural Stations of the Cross introduced by Saint John Paul II in 1991 add a fifteenth station. The Stations are often represented in pictorial form along Church walls and are celebrated as a “walking prayer”. At each Station we are invited to take time to meditate on what is taking place and to contemplate its significance for our lives.

The Scriptural Stations of the Cross are:

- First station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Second station: Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested
- Third station: Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin
- Fourth station: Jesus is denied by Peter
- Fifth station: Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate
- Sixth station: Jesus is scourged at the pillar and crowned with thorns
- Seventh station: Jesus bears the cross
- Eighth station: Jesus is helped by Simon the Cyrenian to carry the cross
- Ninth station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
- Tenth station: Jesus is crucified
- Eleventh station: Jesus promises his Kingdom to the repentant thief
- Twelfth station: Jesus speaks to his mother and the Beloved Disciple
- Thirteenth station: Jesus dies on the cross
- Fourteenth station: Jesus is placed in the tomb
- Fifteenth station: The Resurrection

At each Station pray ...

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Amen

Important Notice

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