

**St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.**

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- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Easter Vigil 8pm. HOLY SATURDAY.**  
Holy Water (in small bottles) will be Blessed during tonight's ceremonies, and will be available together with a special prayer card for collection from Easter Sunday morning onwards.  
Dick and Rita Behan, Alloon (Anniv)  
Michael, Bridget and J.J. Queeney, Mounthazel (29<sup>th</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup>., and 13<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Donal Fitzpatrick, Portumna (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. EASTER MONDAY.** Special Intention.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. EASTER TUESDAY.** Mary Ann Madden, Carana  
John and Nora Cunningham.
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. EASTER WEDNESDAY.**
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. EASTER THURSDAY.**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. **NO MORNING MASS.**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 7pm. EASTER FRIDAY.**  
Paddy O'Brien, Killahaun (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER.**  
Stephen (Bossie) Reilly, Greenhills (11<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Paddy and Jimmy Reilly, Greenhills (Anniv)

**R.I.P.:** Your prayers are requested for Mrs. Teresa Geraghty, Ahascragh, Sister of Mrs. Maureen Murphy, Gurtyryan, who died during the week.

**TROCAIRE:** People who have Trocaire Boxes they wish to return, can do so by leaving them between the 2 Doors in the Front Porch of the Priests House, Ballymacward.

**NOTE TO THE HOUSEBOUND:** If you have received your second Covid vaccination, and would like Fr. Sweeney to resume calling on the First Friday's, please let him know.

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB.** RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup>. MARCH. WINNING No.'s 8,14,20,30- NO Winner & 1 MATCH 3. GERRY McLOUGHLIN. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 5<sup>th</sup>. APRIL FOR A JACKPOT OF €2,500 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @[bit.ly/30J9HcT](http://bit.ly/30J9HcT)

**EASTER BINGO:** Our final night of online Bingo takes place 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.

Any enquires to the Club Committee or on the Club Phone Line (087)1994649

**Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.**

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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **10am.** **EASTER SUNDAY.**

**Holy Water (in small bottles) will be Blessed at this morning's Mass and will be available together with a special prayer card for collection once the Church re-opens after Mass.**

**Mass for the People of the Parish.**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **8pm.** **EASTER FRIDAY.**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **10am.** **FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

**Eileen Kilkenny, Shaun (17<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)**

**EASTER MESSAGE:**

**A message to wish all in the parish a blessed Easter, a time when we celebrate Resurrection and Light overcoming darkness. Christ came to reveal God's love and to tell us to love God and love our neighbour as we love ourselves. What we are experiencing with this pandemic will end, but even now it has caused us to reflect on where we are and to be grateful for all we share. There has been an outpouring of genuine care in the community for those who are alone or isolated. I encourage them: 'Don't be afraid to ask for help.' God bless you all. Fr. Sweeney.**

**THANK YOU: €450 has been sent to the Columbans in Peru. Sincere thanks to all who contribute.**

**SAINT KERRILL'S ABBEY:**

***Gurteen Community Council is intending to apply for grant funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Community Monuments Fund for the conservation of St. Kerrill's Abbey. If successful, the grant would provide 100% funding for the employment of a team of qualified archaeologists, conservation architects, engineers and ecologists to prepare a plan for the long term conservation and preservation of the Abbey. It is intended that the Conservation Management Plan would provide a roadmap for the undertaking of necessary works to protect the Abbey and to prevent it's further deterioration over the coming years. The Community Council has set up a sub-committee to manage the grant application (St. Kerrill's Heritage Committee). This sub-committee has undertaken extensive consultation with Galway County Council and is confident that a strong application can be made. If you would like to find out more about this project or have any questions, please contact the St. Kerrill's Heritage Committee via Pat Roberts on 0876167704.***

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: NO COUNT WAS DONE IN THE PAST WEEK,**

## **Easter Sunday Visit to your Local Church**

Local Churches are open for prayer – why not visit this Sunday and safely collect, perhaps some Holy Water or our Easter Prayer Card for use at home.

## **A Prayer at Home for Easter Sunday**

*Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:*

Lord of all life,

You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.

We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials

we have renewed our baptism

and proclaimed your resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.

Bless us, our families and all the world,

with your constant presence and protection.

May we give you thanks every day

and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith

guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

*If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross.*

*Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home.*

## **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

## **“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.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

## **Keeping Connected**

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