

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 15th. Vigil Mass @ 8pm. FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

Joan O'Brien, Esker (10th. Anniv)

Kathleen Byrnes, Attyregan (Anniv)

Mary (Maudie) Healy, Liscune (5th. Anniv)

Monday 17th. Mass at 9am. Tom and Julia Touhy, Carana (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Tuohy family.

Tuesday 18th. Mass at 9am.

Wednesday 19th. Mass at 9am. Special Intention.

Thursday 20th. Mass at 9am.

Friday 21st. NO MORNING MASS.

Friday 21st. Mass at 7pm. Audrey Kindregan, Mountventure (Months Mind)

Saturday 22nd. Vigil Mass @ 8pm. PENTECOST SUNDAY.

J.P. and Margaret Kelly, Clongowna (Anniv)

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Patrick (Paddy) Keating, Mervue, and formerly Lisloughlin, Ballymacward, father of Michael Keating, Ashfield who died in the past week.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 3rd. MAY. WINNING No.'s 3,8,20,25 - Winner & NO MATCH 3. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 17TH. MAY FOR A JACKPOT OF €3,100 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/30J9HcT

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Will take place online on Sunday 16th May 2021 – Devotions and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Duignan from the shrine at 3pm. Please join us virutally on www.knockshrine.ie

“Renew and Strengthen your People”. A Pastoral Reflection on the Future of the Church in the Diocese of Clonfert.

“I suspect that once the mists of the Pandemic dissipate, it will become evident that the Parish and Diocese it leaves in its wake will be a very different Parish and Diocese from what it was before Covid-19. It is too early to say exactly what changes will occur but I think we can say, with some sort of certainty, that things will be different.” (Bishop Michael) Copies of the Pastoral Reflection are available in your local church. It is also available for download at www.clonfertdiocese.ie

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 16th. Mass at **10am**. **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

Mary Naughton, Colemanstown (2nd. Anniv)

Michael Griffen, Gurteen (3rd. Anniv)

Friday 21st. Mass at **8pm**.

Sunday 23rd. Mass at **10am**. **PENTECOST SUNDAY.**

David Finnerty, Cloonkeenkerrill (6th. Anniv & 37th. Birthday)

Mary Ann and John Bodkin, Shanballyeeshal (11th. and 25th. Anniv)

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

I write to express my gratitude to God and to all the people of the parish for their support over these past months of lockdown. It has been wonderful to be back for First Friday visits as people have been vaccinated and to have our Churches open for daily Mass. I am so grateful for everyone's support and I need to acknowledge David Cunniffe, Paul Hogan, and Cormac Quinn for our parish website and to 'Airwire' for the free access they provide to the Internet. Our churches could not function without the support of the community and I am most grateful for everyone's contribution. God Bless you all.

COUNT FOR MONIES RECEIVED FROM the 13/04/2021 to 09/05/2021

BALLYMACWARD.

Envelopes.	€1,231.80
Priests Easter	€ 740.00
Priests Summer	€0.00
Priests Christmas	€ 90.00
Holy Days.	€ 58.00
Shrines	€ 312.87
Lenten	€ 130.00
Emigrants	€ 22.50
Priests Retirement.	€ 67.90
Lourdes	€ 5.00
Holy Places	€ 47.31

GURTEEN.

Weekly Envelopes	€ 569.70
Priests Easter	€ 145.00
Priests Summer	€ 20.00
Priests Christmas	€0.00
Holy Days	€ 27.00
Shrines	€ 80.46
Lenten	€ 20.00
Emigrants	€ 10.00
Priests Retirement.	€ 65.00
Lourdes	€ 10.00
Holy Places	€ 25.00

TROCAIRE: This is the Combined figure for BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN €360.03

Keeping Connected

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

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 your 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!

Athlone Institute of Technology - Access Course Information Session

Hosted by AIT's Access Office - Fri, 21 May 2021 13:15 - 14:30 IST

Register your interest on Eventbrite on the following link: <https://www.ait.ie/life-at-ait/student-supports/access-office>

This interactive information session will provide attendees with an overview of a programme content which includes; engineering, business, hospitality, social studies and science. A live Q&A will enable attendees the opportunity to ask questions and receive real-time responses.

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