

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

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- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.  
NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.  
Michael Madden, Garrymore (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)**
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.  
Conal Flynn, Ballymacward (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)**
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. **Wedding Mass at 12-30pm.**
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.**
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.**
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.**
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 9am. NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.**
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. **Mass at 7pm. Bartley Kenny, Esker (19<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)**
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.  
Lily Whyte, Alloon (8<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Paddy Joe Whyte, and the Whyte, and Costello families Alloon  
Rob Masterson, Lisheen (6<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)**

**READER FOR MONTH OF JUNE: KATHLEEN RAFTERY.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JUNE: MILLIE KELLY, SEAN HOGAN.**

**( 5<sup>th</sup>. & 12<sup>th</sup>.)**

**HELEN RAFTERY, JUSTIN DORAN.**

**(19<sup>TH</sup>. & 26<sup>TH</sup>.)**

**HOME CARE HELP:**

ALHomecare (Affordable Live-In Homecare) provides care for the sick and elderly in their own home. ALHomecare is a Registered Company and has been in business for almost 7 years. It is half the cost of a Nursing Home or Visiting Care Service. The Carers normally work 35 to 48 hours over 5 to 6 days per week. They provide personal care as well as helping with general housekeeping. All Carers have experience caring for the elderly, reference checked, Garda vetted and pass through a rigorous selection process. The weekly salary as well as a room and food for the Carer is E360 – E490 (depending on numbers of hours worked) per week. The family can claim tax relief on the cost of the Carer up to a maximum of 40% (subject to terms and conditions).

Contact details: [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie) Tel. 021 6017261

**Accord Ballinasloe: Going through a difficult time in your relationship? Maybe we can help... ACCORD Ballinasloe is open for face-to-face counselling in a safe environment. For more information call 09096 43573 or 086 4149033 or email [accordballinasloe@gmail.com](mailto:accordballinasloe@gmail.com)**

**Galway East Life Support Suicide Prevention will open their new and used Charity Shop next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of June from 12 noon to 4.30pm. Situated upstairs at the GELS Centre Ballinasloe, adjacent to the Social Welfare Office. Lots of quality items available Phone 085 1237878.**

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **10am**. FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.

John and Paddy Grady, Ballyglass (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Grady family.

John, Margaret and Martin Connor, Killuane (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Connor family.

Breege Mitchell, Gurteen (17<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **8pm**. NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass at **10am**. ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Bernard Naughton, Colemanstown (21<sup>st</sup>. Anniv)

Tommy Joe and Mike Mentane, Gurteen (8<sup>th</sup>. & 14<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB**. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup>. MAY. WINNING No.'s 4,10,17,24 - NO Winner & 1 MATCH 3. PADDY & KATHLEEN RAFTERY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 7<sup>th</sup>. JUNE FOR A JACKPOT OF **€3,400** IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @[bit.ly/30J9HcT](http://bit.ly/30J9HcT)

**COUNT FOR MONIES RECEIEVED WEEK ENDING 30<sup>th</sup>. MAY**

**BALLYMACWARD.**

**GURTEEN.**

Envelopes.	€601.60	Weekly Envelopes	€620.22
Loose Plate	€ 24.00	Loose Plate	€ 1.00
Priests Easter	€ 95.00	Priests Easter	€ 50.00
Priests Summer	€ 15.00	Priests Summer	€ 20.00
Lenten	€0.00	Lenten	€ 20.00
Priests Retirement.	€ 13.00	Priests Retirement.	€ 20.00
Lourdes	€0.00	Lourdes	€ 10.00
Holy Places	€0.00	Holy Places	€ 10.00
Holy Days.	€0.00	Holy Days	€ 5.00
Shrines	€137.44	Shrines	€ 51.50
Popes	€0.00	Popes	€ 20.00
Accord	€0.00	Accord	€ 10.00

**TROCAIRE:** This is the Combined figure for **BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN €20.00**

**Galilee Spirituality Centre Event:**Herb and Flower Growing for Healthy Living.

With Richard Kennedy Galilee Spirituality Centre Quiet Garden, Wednesdays June 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm. Cost €5. Booking [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie) - This series was interrupted in March last year – so we finally hope to be able to hold the second two evenings! It will be relaxed, fun and practical – with time for planting and growing.

## **BALLYMACWARD NATIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT:**

The Board of Management and Parents Association of Ballymacward NS have created a Go Fund me Page to help raise funds for the development of our school. We have recently built a large General Purpose room and now need to equip this room to the highest possible standard to provide a range of extra-curricular activities. We also need to extend the canopy which provides a vital outdoor link between classrooms. Planning permission has been granted for new bus and car park facilities which will provide safer designated drop off and pickup facilities.

Please donate if you can and share this campaign with family, friends, past pupils and Ballymacward diaspora. Thank you for any help or support you can provide, it is greatly appreciated. The link for the Go Fund me page is below:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/ballymacward-ns-gp-room-and-canopy?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/ballymacward-ns-gp-room-and-canopy?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

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

“Pope Francis holds that our pastoral ministry should seek to abandon the complacent attitude that says: “We have always done it this way” and he invites “everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities.” (The Joy of the Gospel, 33) The Pope is not talking about reworking the fundamentals of Christian doctrine, but rather about a radical reform and refocusing of the way the Good News is presented, along with the structures needed to support vibrant Christian communities.” (Bishop Michael)

Copies of the Pastoral Reflection are available in your local church. It is also available for download at [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

## **Lough Derg 2021**

Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to “Do Lough Derg from wherever you are” on 3rd – 5th July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

**Meals4Health** offers home delivered, affordable, fresh tasty meals that are suited to the nutritional needs of older people and anyone living with illness or disability. Meals4Health supports good health and wellbeing helping you to live well and age well at home. For more information or to order meals call us on 091 354 000

## **ESKER SOLEMN NOVENA:**

Esker Solemn Novena in honour of our Mother of Perpetual Help will take place **ONLINE ONLY** again this year due to Covid restrictions. Novena Theme – A Man for all Seasons- celebrating the year of St. Joseph. It will commence on **June 1<sup>st</sup> and continue until June 9<sup>th</sup> 10am daily**. This session will be recorded daily and will be available to you at any time that you wish to log in. You can access our webcam v our website. [www.eskerreds.ie](http://www.eskerreds.ie) . We welcome all petitions/thanksgivings. You can email them into [info@redemptoristsesker.ie](mailto:info@redemptoristsesker.ie) or drop them into the church. More information **091-844549**.

### **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!

### **Come, Holy Spirit,**

from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.

Come, Father of the poor,

come, generous Spirit,

come, light of our hearts.

Come from the four winds, O Spirit,

come breath of God; disperse the shadows over us,

renew and strengthen your people.

Most kindly warming light!

Enter the inmost depths of our hearts, for we are faithful to you.

Without your presence we have nothing worthy, nothing pure.

You are our only comforter,

Peace of the soul.

In the heat you shade us;

in our labour you refresh us,

and in trouble you are our strength.

On all who put their trust in you and receive you in faith,

shower all your gifts.

Grant that they may grow in you and persevere to the end.

Give them lasting joy! Amen.

## 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!