

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 24th. Vigil Mass @ 8pm. SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

P. J. Keady, Carana (Months Mind)

Bridget, Malachy, and James P. Kelly, Carana (Anniv)

(17th. 46th. and 38th. Anniv)

Monday 26th. Mass at 9am. Michael Harte, Garafine (42nd. Anniv)

Tuesday 27th. Mass at 9am.

NO MASS WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY or FRIDAY MORNING.

Friday 30th. Mass at 7pm. Malachy Farrell, Alloon/U.K. recently Deceased.

Saturday 31st. Vigil Mass @ 8pm. EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Mark Lydon, Attyregan (Months Mind)

Diocese of Clonfert Somalia Vaccination Programme Collection – July 17/18 and 24 /25 July

2021 Please Help! As a mark of solidarity with many parts of the world less fortunate than ourselves, the Clonfert Diocesan Priests Council has teamed up with Trócaire to organise a church collection to assist with the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in Gedo, Somalia. The church collection will take place on the weekends of 17/18 and 24/25 July 2021. Place your donation in an envelope marked Somalia Vaccination Programme and place it in the regular collection boxes in the Church. Please support this worthy cause. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JULY: MARY DOLAN, CHRIS MURRAY.

(24th. & 31st.)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

BALLYMACWARD.

GURTEEN.

(W/E 18/07/2021)

Envelopes.	€365.00	Weekly Envelopes	€357.60
Loose Plate	€ 5.00	Loose Plate	€ 15.00
Priests Easter	€ 30.00	Priests Easter	€ .00
Priests Summer	€ 40.00	Priests Summer	€ 20.00
Priests Autumn	€ .00	Priests Autumn	€ .00
Priests Christmas	€ .00	Priests Christmas	€ .00
Popes	€ .00	Popes	€ .00
Accord	€ 10.18	Accord	€ .00
Priests Retirement.	€ .00	Priests Retirement.	€ .00
Lenten	€ 10.00	Lenten	€ 20.00
Trocaire/Somalia	€100.00	Trocaire/Somalia	€ 70.00
Holy Days	€ .00	Holy Days	€ .00
Misc. Collections	€ .00	Misc. Collections	€ 11.00
Donations	€150.00	Shrines	€ .00

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 24th. **Mass @ 10am. SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

Mary Griffin, Sheeaun (33rd. Anniv)

Sean Hastings, Faha (Anniv)

Friday 30th. **Mass at 8pm.**

Sunday 1st. **Mass @ 10am. EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

Mass for the People of the Parish.

NOTE: If anyone needs help registering for the Corona Virus Vaccine please contact Fr. Sweeney.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 19th. JULY. WINNING No.'s 9,13,17,24- NO Winner & 1 MATCH 3. PAUDIE HILLARY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 26th. JULY FOR A JACKPOT OF €4,100 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 25th of July 2021

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021. In doing so he is recognising the role and vocation of Grandparents and the Elderly in passing on their faith to the next generation. Grandparents and the elderly are often overlooked, but this new day in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed. It is refreshing also to note the renewed commitment by the Church for the Pastoral Care of the elderly, a group of people who have suffered greatly during the Covid-19 pandemic due to being isolated from family, from their faith and from many of their daily supports. Next Sunday we will remember and celebrate all our grandparents and members of our communities who have had a formative influence on us, especially when it comes to the life of faith.

Lough Derg

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre.

A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

www.loughderg.org Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

Prayer for world day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for
those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You
call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day
even until the end of the age. Amen

Prayers for Pope Francis

The prayers of all of us in the Diocese of Clonfert are with Pope Francis as he recovers from surgery. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him his swift healing. Amen

NOTE: If you haven't been receiving the regular text messages re: deaths from Fr. Sweeney, please let him know, he changed his phone recently, and some numbers seem to have been lost, also if you would like to be added to the list of recipient's please let Fr. Sweeney know.

Keeping Connected

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

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 for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest,

bless young people in the Diocese of Clonfert with the gift of courage to respond to your call of service.

Open their hearts to great ideals and wonderful things.

Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving;

for vocations blossom in the rich soil of faithful people.

Inspire priests and religious, all our parishioners and families

with the confidence and grace to invite our young people

to consider the exciting and noble path of life dedicated and consecrated to You.

Unite us to Jesus

through prayer and sacrament,

so that we may cooperate

with you in building your kingdom of

mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Adapted from the Message of Pope Francis on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

BALLYMACWARD NATIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT:

A message to all parishioners and past pupils, please see the 'Go Fund Me' page for

Ballymacward National School Development. Your support is welcomed and appreciated.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/ballymacward-ns-gp-room-and-](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)

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Galway Centre for Independent Living

Galway Centre for Independent living have been supplying Caring/Assisting Services to older persons and persons with disabilities since 1994. Due to an increased demand for our services in Homecare and our Personal Assistance Service to People with disabilities we are now recruiting in your area. Please forward CV to vacancies@gcil.ie or contact Ann on 091-773910