

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 18th. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

Michael and Mary Noone, Carhoon (Anniv)

George and Mary Walker, Ballinasloe (Anniv)

Paddy Flynn, Ballymacward (28th. Anniv)

Richard and Lucy Lally, MountVenture (Anniv)

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NOTE: NO MASSES IN EITHER BALLYMACWARD OR GURTEEN CHURCH MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

Saturday 25th. **CONFIRMATION IN BALLYMACWARD CHURCH @ 10-30am.**

Saturday 25th. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

Paddy Joe Whyte, Alloon (2nd. Anniv)

Lily Whyte, and the deceased members of the Whyte and Costello families.

Joe Bracken, Garafine (5th. Anniv)

The Costello family, Liscuib. (Anniv)

R.I.P.: Your prayers are requested for Mrs. Ber Maher, Loughrea, sister of Mrs. Phil Dunleavy, Mounthazel, who died in the past week.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

<u>BALLYMACWARD.</u>		<u>GURTEEN.</u>	<u>(W/E 12/09/2021)</u>
Weekly Envelopes.	€411.39	Weekly Envelopes	€236.80
Loose Plate	€ 15.00	Loose Plate	€.00
Priests Autumn	€920.00	Priests Autumn	€474.00
15 th . August	€ 10.00	15 th . August	€.00

MISSING: 3 Small white tables are missing from the Hall, if you got the loan of them, the committee would appreciate if they could be returned as soon as possible.

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"Self-Compassion Workshop on Sunday 26th September, 10am to 12.30pm.

Venue: Family Resource Centre Loughrea. Cost €25. Booking in advance,

Telephone Paula McLoughlin 087 9786086 or pm HealYourLifeLoughrea on Facebook"

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 19th. **Mass @ 10am. TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**
The deceased members of the Cogavin family, Gurteen.

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Saturday 25th. **CONFIRMATION IN BALLYMACWARD CHURCH @ 10-30am.**

Sunday 26th. **Mass @ 10am. TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**
Willie Molloy, Faha (Anniv)
The deceased members of the Fahy family Colemanstown.

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg

Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further, information email info@loughderg.org or, telephone 071 9861518 www.loughderg.org Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 13th. SEPTEMBER. WINNING No.'s 9,13,19,20 - NO Winner & 1 MATCH 3's. CLAIRE DOOLEY. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 20th. SEPTEMBER FOR A JACKPOT OF €2,500 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MONDAY.

Burren Weekend Retreat 24-26 September

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the many ancient sacred sites. Further information Noirin 087 945 9151 or Mary 087 970 1130

True Devotion to Mary: Small study group forming. More info. for interested persons @ www.creideamh.ie/study-group. Open to everyone but places limited.

A talk on Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary by Dr. Evie Monaghan, member of the Historical Commission for the Process of Canonisation of Frank Duff. The talk will take place in the Family Centre in Ballinasloe on Sunday 26th September at 4:00pm. Contact Mícheál Cregg on 086 261 8152 or Tony Naessens 086 083 5187"

The Season of Creation 1st September to the 4th of October 2021

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

A Church in Conversation

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and the Catholic Church in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations are often referred to as a Synodal Process. "Synodal" comes from a Greek word which means roughly "walking and talking together." Let us remember this important process in our prayers.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

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!

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live

as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not

pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and

contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

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.*