

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

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**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass @ 8pm. TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Frank, John and Teresa O'Neill, Garafine (7<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>., and 25<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Sadbh Leye (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

The Kenny and Carney families, Garafine.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9am.**

**NO MASS WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY or FRIDAY MORNING.**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 7pm. Martin Scarry, Attyregan (Months Mind)**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vigil Mass @ 8pm. THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sean Lally, Liscune (Months Mind)

Paddy Kenny, Ballinlough (19<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting in the Church this MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup>. OCT. @ 8pm.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER:**

**ROSE KELLY, TERESA EGAN (23<sup>rd</sup>. & 30<sup>th</sup>.)**

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD. GURTEEN. (W/E 10/10/2021)**

W/Envelopes.	€561.10	W/Envelopes	€325.50
Loose Plate	€0.00	Loose Plate	€ 5.00
Priests Summer	€ 50.00	Priests Summer	€0.00
Priests Autumn	€115.00	Priests Autumn	€ 10.00
Shrines	€ 62.86	Shrines	€ 18.30
Donations	€ 50.00	Donations	€0.00
Missions	€ 25.00	Missions	€0.00
Trocaire/Somalia	€ 50.00	Trocaire/Somalia	€0.00
Trocaire	€0.00	Trocaire.	€ 23.43
Popes	€ 10.00	Popes	€0.00

**Ballymacward Yoga Classes:**

**Yoga Classes continue in Ballymacward Community Hall on this Thursday Morning 14<sup>th</sup>. October at 10.30 am., instructor JULIE, for more information contact (086) 0865742.**

**Clerical/Administrator CE Scheme MOUNTBELLEW DISTRICT**

**Duties include: Maintaining accounts/Payroll both manual and computerised filing and maintaining all files, Word Processing as outlined by the Supervisor; General administrative and clerical support. In order to qualify for these positions, you need to be in receipt of a social welfare payment. for details please contact Sean on 090 9679085, or email [mountbellewdd@gmail.com](mailto:mountbellewdd@gmail.com)**

**St. KILLIAN's COLLEGE, NEW INN would like to invite you to attend our Virtual Open evening on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. This will be a recorded presentation which you can view anytime between 5.00pm. & 10.00pm on the evening. Please complete the Registration form**

**link <http://stkillians.ie/page/Enrolment202223/16253/Index.html> or contact the school**

**by email [info.stkillians@gretb.ie](mailto:info.stkillians@gretb.ie) or telephone 09096-75811. Our enrolment period is open from October 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 and will close on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.**

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. **Mass @ 10am. TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

Bridie Brown, Colemanstown (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

Michael Naughton, Gurteen (Anniv)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Mass at 8pm.** Dominic Skibola (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. **Mass @ 10am. THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

**Clonfert on the Way” – Join us as we begin our Synodal Journey**As the Church worldwide, the Church in Ireland and the Church in Clonfert begins this historic period of walking and talking together in order to discern what God wants of us in the future you are invited to **join with Bishop Michael in making “A Pilgrim Walk” from the Burial Place of St Brendan to the Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert on this Sunday 17th October at 3pm.** We will meet at the Church of Ireland Cathedral, Clonfert. The walk is approx. 2km. If you cannot walk, you are welcome to join us for short prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert at 3.45pm. Please dress for the weather.

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER. WINNING No.'s 2,3,9,16 - NO Winner & 2 MATCH 3's. FR. RAYMOND SWEENEY, SILE BARRETT. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 18<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER FOR A JACKPOT OF €2,900 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @[bit.ly/](http://bit.ly/) UNTIL 9pm MONDAY.**

**Portumna Adult Education Centre**

Practical Part-Time QQI levels 4 and 5 Major Awards in **Horticulture** and **Tourism Business** resuming at Portumna Adult Education Centre (GRETb) (Old VEC) St Brigid's Road. Contact: Michael [0860617945](tel:0860617945) or email: [michael.cunniffe@gretb.ie](mailto:michael.cunniffe@gretb.ie)  
Major Award QQ1 Level 5 **Office Administration** – (Full-Time) Contact Lynne 09097 59092 or: [portumnacomputertraining@gmail.com](mailto:portumnacomputertraining@gmail.com)

**Vocal coaching and singing lessons** - Contact Sarah [0892721555](tel:0892721555) or email: [sorchageal2006@hotmail.com](mailto:sorchageal2006@hotmail.com)

**ST. CUAN's RETREAT:** Adult Retreat Day taking place in St. Cuan's College, Castleblakney, on Saturday 30th October. For more information see [www.creideamh.ie/retreat](http://www.creideamh.ie/retreat) . All welcome but places limited and booking essential.

**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.

## **Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 5th – 7th November 2021:**

Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance. This is an online experience (using Zoom), starting on Friday evening at 8pm and ending on Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. Details <https://www.marriageencounter.ie>

## **MOUNTBELLEW DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CE.**

**Cleaner [CES Position]** This is a developmental opportunity; no experience is necessary. A Cleaner is required to work in Mountbellew Childcare Centre. Full training and guidance given. Position will cover **19.5 hours per week**. Duties to include: Daily cleaning of Creche facilities, Kitchen and toilet areas.

**General Operatives/ Maintenance Workers [CES Position]** Duties to include: Working on the environmental sites around Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass, shrub planting. keeping public areas kept tidy and maintaining nature trails and general maintenance around the town, adherence to health and safety policies is maintained at all time. Please contact your local DEASP Employment Services / Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy. In order to qualify for these positions, you need to be in receipt of a social welfare payment. for further details please contact **Sean on 090 9679085** or email [mountbellewdd@gmail.com](mailto:mountbellewdd@gmail.com)

**East Galway Cancer Care West Walk.** The Annual East Galway Cancer Care West Sponsored Walk from Ahascragh to Ballinasloe for 2021 will be held on **Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>**. The walk will leave the Shop at 10 am in Ahascragh via Killure to Ballinasloe. Sponsorship cards are available. Walkers are also welcome to choose their own Virtual Walk again this year. A donate facility at [www.idonate.ie/Caltragaacancercarewest](http://www.idonate.ie/Caltragaacancercarewest) and would welcome donations. Further details are available from **Mattie Kilroy, 0876335479**, **Karen Leonard 0861039683** and **Larry Lohan 0877661059** and all help will be appreciated.

**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)

## **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!

Feast of St Francis of Assisi Patron Saint of Ecology

Let us invoke his intercession at this crucial time for the health of our planet.

The Canticle of Creation

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory,  
honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation  
and especially for our Brother Sun,  
who brings us the day and the light;  
he is strong and shines magnificently.

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,  
and for the stars  
which you have set shining and lovely  
in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord,  
for our Brothers Wind and Air  
and every kind of weather  
by which you, Lord,  
uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,  
who is very useful to us,  
and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,  
through whom you give us light in the darkness:  
he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord,  
for Sister Earth, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth  
fruits and vegetables of many kinds  
and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord,  
for those who forgive for love of you;  
and for those who bear sickness and weakness  
in peace and patience  
- you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death,  
whom we must all face.  
I praise and bless you, Lord,  
and I give thanks to you,  
and I will serve you in all humility. Amen

### 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.

### 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.*

### 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.

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as we gather together in Your name.

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