

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 23rd. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sean Lally, Liscune (Months Mind)

Paddy Kenny, Ballinlough (19th. Anniv)

Michael and Mary Kelly, Carrahulla (Anniv)

Monday 25th. **Mass at 9am.**

NO MASS TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY or FRIDAY MORNING.

Friday 29th. **Mass at 7pm.**

Saturday 30th. **Vigil Mass @ 8pm. THIRY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS.

Gerti Murphy, Liscuib (11th. Anniv)

Maura G. Murphy, Liscuib (16th. Anniv)

Sunday 31st. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.**

Monday 1st. **Mass @ 9am. FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.**

Tuesday 2nd. **Mass @ 9am. FEAST OF ALL SOULS.**

READER FOR NOVEMBER:

MARY KEADY.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER:

ANN PEARSE, JUSTIN DORAN. (31st./ 6th./13th.) MARY LALLY, NOEL HYNES (20th./27th.)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD. GURTEEN. (W/E 17/10/2021)

W/Envelopes. €637.20 W/Envelopes €314.75

Loose Plate € 15.00 Loose Plate € 5.00

Priests Summer € 50.00 Priests Summer €0.00

Priests Autumn €210.00 Priests Autumn € 75.00

Shrines € 58.02 Shrines €0.00

Donations €100.00 Donations €0.00

Missions € 40.00 Missions € 15.00

NOTE: (1) Winter time begins next Saturday/Sunday, Oct. 30th./31st. (Clocks go back 1 hour)

(2) Mass will be at 7pm. in Ballymacward, for the Winter months, commencing with the Vigil Mass for All Saints on Sunday 31st. Oct.

(3) The annual Rememberence Mass for all who died in our Parish, in the past year, and for all who are buried in the Ballymacward Cemeteries, will be held at 6pm. on Sunday the 14th. Nov. in BALLYMACWARD CHURCH

(4) There will be morning Mass in Ballymacward Church each morning, Mon - Fri. for the Month of Nov. at 9am. for the Holy Souls.

ZOMBIE WALK: Sunday 31st. Oct. @ Woodlawn Wood starting at 3-30pm.

CHILDREN €10, proceeds go to Ballymacward National School.

BALLYMACWARD/GURTEEN SOCIAL CLUB: The Committee regret to inform members and intending members that the Club **WILL NOT BE RE-OPENING** this Autumn due to the current high numbers of Covid cases nationally, and in our Hospitals. We look forward to welcoming you all **EARLY in 2022 P.G.**, circumstances permitting, in the meantime, stay safe, and enjoy the Halloween. *The Committee.*

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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

Mass for the people of the Parish.

Friday 29th. Mass at 8pm.

Sunday 31st. Mass @ 11am. **THIRY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**
HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS.

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Monday 1st. Mass @ 8pm. **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.**

Martin and Mary Mannion, Cloonkeenkerrill (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Mannion family.

Tuesday 2nd. Mass @ 8pm. **FEAST OF ALL SOULS.**

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(3) The annual Rememberence Mass for all who died in our Parish, in the past year, and for all who are buried in the **CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY** will be held at 6pm. on Sunday the 21st. November. in GURTEEN CHURCH.

(4) There will be morning Mass in Ballymacward Church each morning, Mon - Fri. for the Month of Nov. at 9am. for the Holy Souls.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11th. OCTOBER. WINNING No.'s 8,11,12,25 - NO Winner & NO MATCH 3's. . NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 25th. OCTOBER FOR A JACKPOT OF €3,000 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MONDAY.

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 . 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.

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 30th**. The walk will leave the Shop at 10 am in Ahascragh via Killure to Ballinasloe. Sponsorship cards are available, you are asked to return completed cards to the people listed below. A donate facility is also available at www.idonate.ie/Caltragaacancercarewest Further details are available from **Mattie Kilroy, 0876335479**, **Karen Leonard 0861039683** and **Larry Lohan 0877661059** and all help will be appreciated.

World Mission Sunday – 24th October 2021

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it is celebrated on Sunday 24 October. This year's theme 'We Cannot Remain Silent – We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)' is twofold. It is a message of hope – Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who are weaker. All too often, the voices that need to be heard are not the loudest. For them, we cannot remain silent. Thank you for your donations to the Mission Sunday Collection.

The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

**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.**

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

Ballymacward Yoga Classes:

Yoga Classes continue in Ballymacward Community Hall on this Thursday Morning 21st October at 10.30 am., instructor JULIE, for more information contact (086) 0865742.

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>

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.

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!