

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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- Saturday 20th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING.**
Dickie Lally, Mountventure (11th. Anniv)
Mick Flanagan, Liscune (Anniv) and the deceased members
of the Flanagan family.
- Sunday 21st. **Mass @ 6pm. Rememberence Mass in GURTEEN CHURCH, for all
who died in our Parish, in the past year, and for all who are buried in
CLOONKEENKERRILL CEMETERY.**
- Monday 22nd, **Mass @ 9am.** Special Intention.
- Tuesday 23rd. **Mass @ 9am.** Special Intention.
- Wednesday 24th. **Mass @ 9am.** Special Intention.
- Thursday 25th. **Mass @ 9am.** The deceased Priests of the Parish, and Michael Donnellan,
Ellie Lyons, and Molly Staunton.
- Friday 26th. **Mass @ 9am.**
- Saturday 27th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**
John Kelly Feeney, Whitepark (1st. Anniv)
Tom, Patrick and Mary Mahon, Clongowna (Anniv)
John Joe and Mary Murphy, Gurtyryan (Anniv)
Gilbert and Anne Fahy, Esker and the deceased members of the Fahy family.
- Sunday 28th. **Mass @ 6pm. Rememberence Mass in BALLYMACWARD CHURCH,
for all who died in our Parish in the past year, and for all who are
buried in BALLYMACWARD OLD & NEW CEMETERIES, and
KILLAHAWN AND KILLUANE CEMETERIES.**

Thank you message.

This message is sent to thank everyone for their prayers and support during my recent illness; I thank you for the Mass Bouquets, Cards, phone calls and texts. I thank you especially for your understanding as Masses were rearranged. I am on the mend. God bless you all. Fr. Sweeney

PASTORAL COUNCILS: A meeting of the Pastoral Councils of the Ballinasloe Deanery, And anyone interested in discussing the future of Parishes, and how they might adapt, and co-operate in the future, will take place in Gullanes Hotel, Ballinasloe, on the 6th. of Dec. @ 8pm., with Bishop Michael. Tea served, meeting won't last more than 1.5hrs.

CHRISTMAS POSTING: Celsus and his postal team request that you post early for Christmas, in order to avoid a last minute rush. The following are the last posting dates for XMAS 2021. If ye post after these dates the Cards will be early for Christmas 2022.

IRELAND - DECEMBER 21st.
GREAT BRITIAN - DECEMBER 20th.
USA - DECEMBER 9th.
REST OF THE WORLD - DECEMBER 4th.

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 21st. **Mass @ 11am. FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING.**

Mary Keeley, Caltra (34th. Anniv)

Patrick and Mary Ann Hardiman, Clough (Anniv) and the deceased members of the Hardiman family.

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Friday 26th. **Mass at 8pm.**

Sunday 28th. **Mass @ 11am. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Mass for the People of the Parish.

Sunday 28th. **Mass @ 6pm. Rememberence Mass in BALLYMACWARD CHURCH, for all who died in our Parish in the past year, and for all who are buried in BALLYMACWARD OLD & NEW CEMETERIES, and KILLAHAWN AND KILLUANE CEMETERIES.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GURTEEN 2022:

PROVISIONAL DATE [MAY 28th 10.30 am.](#)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD. GURTEEN. (W/E 13/14th./11/2021)

W/Envelopes.	€197.80	W/Envelopes	€184.50
Loose Plate	€ 17.30	Loose Plate	€ 17.30
All Souls	€ 62.00	All Souls	€ 10.00
Shrines	€189.63	Shrines	€140.27

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 15th. NOVEMBER. WINNING No.'s 4,9,13,16 - NO Winner 3 & MATCH 3. DEREK BARRETT, PADRAIC FAHY & CARMEL HANNON. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 22nd. NOVEMBER FOR A JACKPOT OF **€3,600** IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MONDAY. AGM: THE CLUB AGM WILL BE HELD IN BALLYMACWARD HALL ON SUNDAY 28th. NOVEMBER @ 6pm.

PEARSE'S CAMOGIE CLUB A.G.M. will take place on **Thursday 2nd December** at 7-30pm. in Ballymacward Hall.

REFUGEE APPEAL: Greater Ballinasloe Syrian Refugee Appeal Holy Hour of **Thanksgiving** & Petition (see www.creideamh.ie/syria<<http://www.creideamh.ie/syria>>) will take place in St. Michael's Church, Ballinasloe (www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe<<http://www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe>>), 7 - 8 pm on **Sunday 28th November**. All welcome as we give thanks for generosity of all contributors and remember the needs of all refugees and asylum seekers before God. We have taken a very gentle approach this year in light of Trocaire's campaign for East Africa. Deo Gratias people from all your parishes have kindly contributed and so far €4,000 has been raised.

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.**

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.

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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.

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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.