

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

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- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**  
**John Kelly Feeney, Whitepark (1<sup>st</sup>. 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.  
Patrick, P.J., and Katie Byrnes, Liscuib, and the deceased members  
of the Byrnes family.
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. **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.**
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. **Mass @ 9am.** Dennis, Annie, and Denny Morrissey, Garafine (Anniv)  
Della, Jack, and Jackie Gannon, Roscommon. (Anniv)
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>. **Mass @ 9am.** The deceased members of the Kenny family, Hampstead,  
and for their neighbours and friends.
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Mass @ 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**  
Johnny Murray, Alloon (10<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. **FUNERAL MASS AT 12 NOON. Maureen O'Brien England.**  
**(Late of Monaveen)**
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**  
Tom Healy, Liscune (4<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Evelyn Gavin, Attyregan (7<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
Peter and Michael Conheeney, Annagh (Anniv)  
Michael, Kathleen, and James McGuire, Hampstead  
(11<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. and 11<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)  
John, Martin, Delia and Nonie Carr, Lisheen. (Anniv)

**READER FOR DECEMBER:**

**LISA FINN.**

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER:**

**SEAN HOGAN, MARY HYNES**  
**(4<sup>th</sup>., 7<sup>th</sup>. & 11<sup>th</sup>.)**

**JOE MURRAY, MARY JENKINS LALLY.**  
**(18<sup>th</sup>., 24<sup>th</sup>. & 25<sup>th</sup>.)**

**PASTORAL COUNCILS: A meeting of the Pastoral Councils of the Ballinasloe Deanery,**  
**will take place Via ZOOM, on the 6<sup>th</sup>. of Dec. from 8pm - 9-15pm. This is due to the**  
**increasing number of Covid cases nationally. Would people interested in participating**  
**please contact Fr. Sweeney with their email address.**

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Mass for the People of the Parish.

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mass at 8pm. **FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Special Intention. (J.M.)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass @ 11am. **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

James Molloy, Faha (26<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Pake Lyons, Shanballyeeshal (Anniv) and deceased members of the Lyons family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GURTEEN 2022:

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

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD. GURTEEN. (W/E 20<sup>th</sup>./21<sup>st</sup>./11/2021)

W/Envelopes.	€245.80	W/Envelopes	€279.30
Loose Plate	€ 6.20	Loose Plate	€ 19.40
Priests Autumn	€ 70.00	Priests Autumn	€100.00
All Souls	€ 85.00	All Souls	€ 10.00
All Saints	€ 10.00	All Saints	€00

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>. NOVEMBER. WINNING No.'s 13,19,22,24 - NO Winner & 1 MATCH 3.

MICHAEL HARDIMAN. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NOVEMBER FOR A JACKPOT OF €3,700 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/UNTIL 9pm MONDAY.

REMINDER:

THE CLUB AGM WILL BE HELD IN BALLYMACWARD HALL ON THIS SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>. NOV. @ 6pm.

PEARSE'S CAMOGIE CLUB A.G.M. will take place on [Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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)<<http://www.creideamh.ie/syria>> ) will take place in St. Michael's Church, Ballinasloe

( [www.churchservices.tv/ballinasloe](http://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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>.  
GREAT BRITIAN - DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>.  
USA - DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>.  
REST OF THE WORLD - DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.  
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make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
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and how we are to pursue it.  
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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.