

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 11th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. (Gaudete Sunday)**
Thomas Mitchell, Liscune (8th. Anniv)
Nancy and Joe Kelly, Ballymacward (10th. And 9th. Anniv)
Mary and Berti Madden, Alloon (5th. And 46th. Anniv)
Paddy, Philomena and Martin Murray, Liscune (Anniv) and the
deceased members of the Murray family.

Monday 13th. **Mass @ 9am.** Bill Grady Cloncah (37th. Anniv)

Tuesday 14th. **Mass @ 9am.** Richard and Sean Dilleen, Shanballyeeshal (Anniv) and the
deceased members of the Dilleen family.

Friday 17th. **Mass @ 7pm.** Collette McDermott (Recently deceased)

Saturday 18th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**
Delia Naughton, Corskeagh (17th. Anniv) and the deceased members
of the Naughton family.

R.I.P.; Your prayers are requested for David McDonagh, Lowville, Ahascragh, Nephew of Sean
McDonagh, Whitepark, who died during the week.

2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES: The 2022 Church Envelopes are now available for
collection/distribution. If you are not receiving a box and would like to contribute
towards the upkeep/day to day running of our churches, please let Fr. Sweeney know.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER: **JOE MURRAY, MARY JENKINS LALLY.**
(18th., 24th. & 25th.)

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A FRIEND OR FOR YOURSELF: Caltra Connections 1916 -1921
by MATTIE KILROY, a lovely interesting and informative read for these long winter nights.
It's available in all the local shops.

THANK YOU: Sincere thanks to all who took part in the 2021 Cancer Care West Walk, to
all who walked physically or virtually and to all who had sponsorship cards and made
donations. The fantastic sum of **€10,617** was handed in to Galway last week.

SAINT VINCENT De PAUL: Saint Mary's Conference is based at the Pastoral Centre,
Mountbellew, and among other areas, covers the Parish of Ballymacward/Gurteen. In the
interests of health and safety we will not be having a Church Gate collection this year. To
facilitate people who wish to donate locally, prepaid envelopes are available at the Church
Porch. We wish to acknowledge your great support in previous years, and this support is
needed this year more than ever.

The level of assistance that we can provide to those in need in our Parish is dependent on
your generosity. **Our local Helpline number is 085 1846866**

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 12th. **Mass @ 11am. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. (Gaudete Sunday)**

Bridget and Sean Lally, Colemanstown (11th. and 33rd. Anniv)

Friday 17th. **Mass at 8pm.** Sean and Millie Bolton, Killuane (Anniv)

Elizabeth Murphy, Headford, and Baby David Murphy/Bolton.

Sunday 19th. **Mass @ 11am. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Ronan Finnerty, Clough (16th. Anniv)

THANK YOU: €450.00 has been sent to the Columban Missionaries. Many thanks to all who contributed.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD. GURTEEN. (W/E 4th./5th./12/2021)

W/Envelopes.	€292.00	W/Envelopes	€264.00
Loose Plate	€ 10.70	Loose Plate	€ 23.20
Priests Summer	€ 50.00	Priests Summer	€.00
Priests Autumn	€ 50.00	Priests Autumn	€ 10.00
Priests Christmas	€ 65.00	Priests Christmas	€ 50.00
Priests Retirement.	€ 5.00	Priests Retirement.	€.00
All Souls	€ 5.00	All Souls	€ 75.00
Holy Days	€ 31.00	Holy Days	€ .00
Christmas Day	€ 15.00	Christmas Day	€ .00

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 6th. DECEMBER. WINNING No.'s - NO Winner & NO MATCH 3.s. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 13th. DECEMBER FOR A JACKPOT OF €3,900 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MONDAY.

Lough Derg online shop offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit www.loughderg.live/shop Telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518 *Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.*

Mountbellew District Development CES CLG. Job Vacancy.

Nature conservation officer: Manages the local environment with an emphasis on preserving and protecting areas of natural beauty and sets targets to promote biodiversity. Job description: Nature conservation officers manage the local environment with an emphasis on preserving and protecting areas of natural beauty, and setting targets to promote biodiversity. Also, litter picking, grass/hedge cutting, strimming, general maintenance of community area. 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.

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.** (Not guaranteed to arrive on time after this date)