

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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Saturday 1st. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.
(NEW YEARS DAY) SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS.**
Mass for the people of the Parish.

NO MASS MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

Wednesday 5th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Friday 7th. **Mass @ 7pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Saturday 8th. **Vigil Mass @ 7pm. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.**

Mass for the people of the Parish.

NOTE; Due to the Current high numbers of Covid cases, and restrictions, there will be NO FIRST FRIDAY CALLS FOR JANUARY. Fr. Sweeney is available for emergency calls as normal.

R.I.P.; Your prayers are requested for Ann (Annie) McCormack, Mullingar (Nee Dempsey, Garafine) and for Helen (Eileen) Haran, Salthill (Nee Kenny, Hampstead) who died in the past week.

READER FOR JANUARY:

JOHNNY BARRETT.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:

JOAN TANNIAN, ROSE LYDON (1st., 5th.(Eve of Holy Day) & 8th.)

ANN KINDREGAN, CATRIONA HYNES (15th., 22th. & 29th.)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMACWARD. GURTEEN. (W/E 24th,25th.,26th./12/21)

W/Envelopes.	€ 810.60	W/Envelopes	€1,164.00
Priests Autumn	€ 20.00	Priests Autumn	€00
Priests Christmas	€1,125.00	Priests Christmas	€ 430.00
8 th . December	€ 29.00	8 th . December	€ 7.00
6 th . January	€ 20.00	6 th . January	€00
All Saints 1 st . Nov.	€ 2.00	All Saints	€00
Christmas Day	€ 960.00	Christmas Day	€ 532.00
Shrines	€ 306.01	Shrines	€ 69.00
Trocaire	€ 20.00	Trocaire.	€00

WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT.

TARGET TO MEET €60,000.00

DONATIONS UP AND INCLUDING 27/12/21. € 3,660.00

TARGET REMAINING €56,340.00

Figures for donations received will be published monthly, next update end of January. If you have friends or family living outside of the Parish, or living abroad, and they would like to contribute to the Window Restoration Fund, they can do so via the Clonfert website www.clonfertdiocese.ie just indicate the donation is for Ballymacward Parish and its purpose. (Full details of all ways of contributing to the fund are on the Parish Website, ballymacwardgurteenparish.com) Thank you.

Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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Sunday 2nd. MASS @ 11am. MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS.

Ita Flannery, Kinreask (1st. Anniv)

Thursday 6th. MASS @ 8pm. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

Friday 7th. MASS @ 8pm. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Tommy Forde, Galway (Recently Deceased) husband of Bridie Carr, Gurteen

Sunday 9th. MASS @ 11am. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

John Lyng, Gurteen (Anniv) and the deceased members of the
Lyng and Griffin families.

Sincere Thanks: to all who supported our parish, our churches and our diocese this past year: to those who participated in the Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Collectors, and Counters, Choirs, Parish Secretary, Undertaker, Flower Arrangers, Christmas Tree Supplier, to all who Clean our Churches and care for the Altar Linens, to those who maintain our Church grounds, to our Local Safeguarding Representatives. Our Parish Councils, Community Council, Finance Committee, Hall Committee, Maintenance Committees and Cemetery Committees, and to anyone who helped out in any way during the past year. Gratitude to all who sent Cards, Mass Bouquets, and gifts for the Christmas. May the Lord continue to bless you for the great work you all do.

PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB. RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 27th. DECEMBER. WINNING No.'s 6,13,16,19 - NO Winner & NO MATCH 3, NEXT WEEK'S DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT 3rd. JANUARY FOR A JACKPOT OF €4,200 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. Play the Lotto @bit.ly/ UNTIL 9pm MONDAY.

CHRISTMAS "250 CLUB DRAW" €1,000.00, CLAIRE DOOLEY
DECEMBER "250 CLUB DRAW" €100 JIMMY GELSTON, €75 JOHN O'GRADY, €50 KEVIN RYAN .

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

Community Employment Supervisor

Western Alzheimers are recruiting a Community Employment Supervisor with overall responsibility for planning, leading, controlling and organising the Community Employment Scheme of 13 participants supporting the delivery of a range of services that support the care of people living with dementia in Roscommon. The Community Employment Supervisor will be responsible for the effective and efficient management of the human, financial and material resources of the CE Programme, ensuring that the scheme is run in accordance with DEASP guidelines and is of maximum benefit to both participants and the organisation Detailed job description available on our website <https://westernalzheimer.ie/careers/Please> send your CV to info@westernalzheimers.ie

Prayer at the Crib

God our Father you sent your only son, Jesus as a little child to love us and to be our Saviour. Your Holy Spirit came down on Mary and gave wisdom to Joseph so that they could prepare for his birth. As we pray here around the crib open our hearts to his love and to his gentle care. Take away our fears and fill our hearts with joy. Guide and care for our families and help us to care for one another so that we can live as the people of God. May we know his presence with us and find deep peace in our lives during these days of Christmas and in the year ahead. Amen

Copies of this prayer are available in the Church to take with you and to use before your crib at home.

For the Christmas Season: A Prayer at Mealtime

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the gift of family and friends. We give you thanks for gathering us around this table today. Bless our time together. We remember those who are absent from our company: those who cannot be with us* and those who now feast at your table in heaven.* We pray for the lonely and the sad, the homeless and the hungry. Give us a loving heart and a generous spirit to make our world a better place. For those who prepared this food and for what we are about to receive, we give you thanks O loving Father, through Christ O Lord. Amen
*here you may wish to remember them by name

Copies of this prayer are available in the Church to take with you and to use before your meals at home.

St Brendan's Education Centre: 091 841387

Courses commencing from Wednesday January 5th, 2022: Care Support, Care Skills, Challenging Behaviour(new) , Safety and Health, Horticulture, Database Methods, Customer Service, Retail Administration(new), Retail Selling(new), Communications Level 5: Horticulture and Spreadsheet Methods Level 4. Also waiting list being compiled for the new Early Childcare certificate commencing in September 2022. Please email freda.murphy@gretb.ie or john.melville@gretb.ie

“We are with you”

The Diocese of Clonfert has launched “We are with you”: a prayer initiative for the deceased and their families in these difficult times. See www.clonfertdiocese.ie

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